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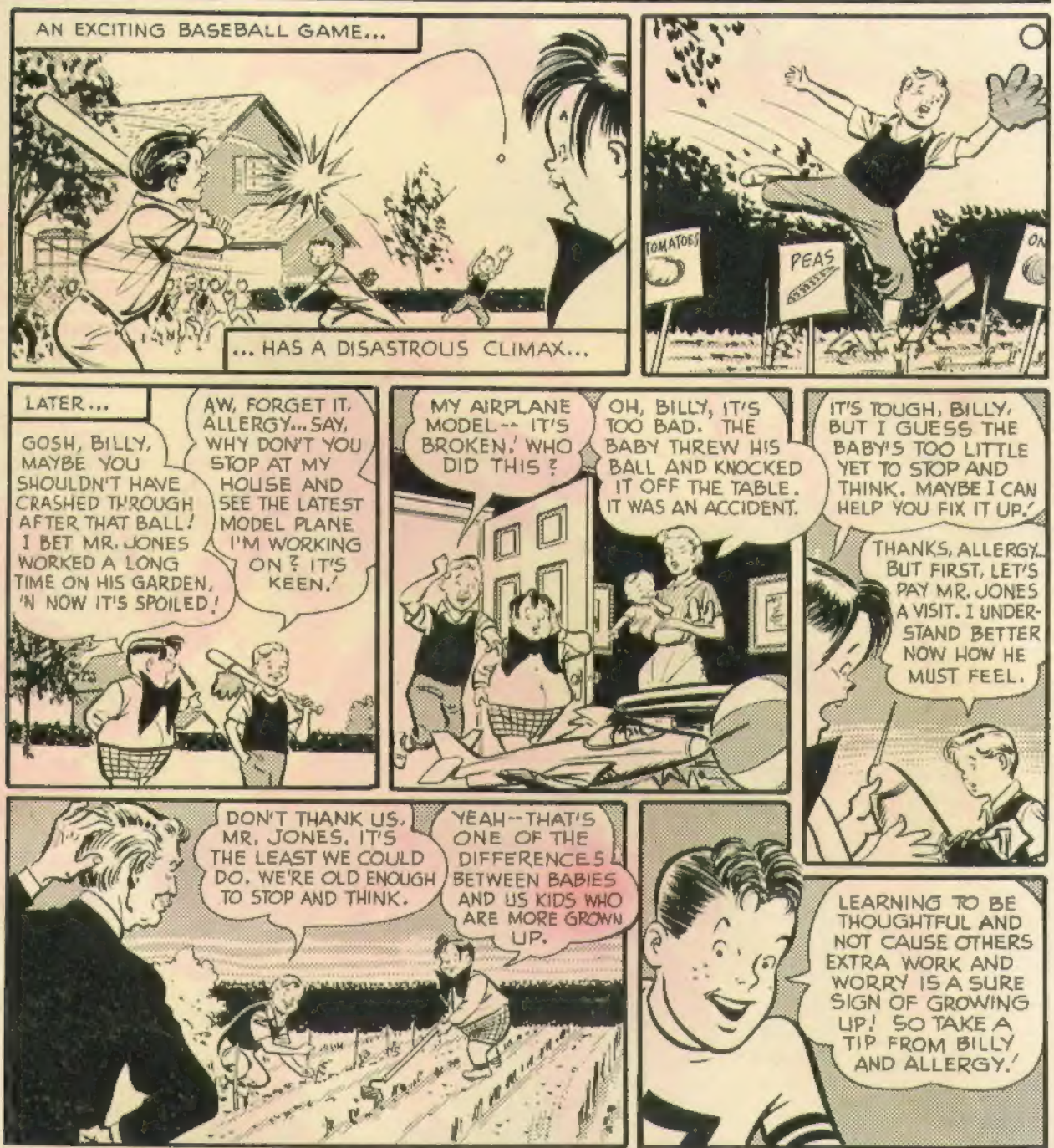
Binky says: "Act Your Age!"


AN EXCITING BASEBALL GAME...
... HAS A DISASTROUS CLIMAX...
TOMATOES
PEAS
LATER...
GOSH, BILLY, MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE CRASHED THROUGH AFTER THAT BALL! I BET MR. JONES WORKED A LONG TIME ON HIS GARDEN, 'N NOW IT'S SPOILED!
AW, FORGET IT, ALLERGY... SAY, WHY DON'T YOU STOP AT MY HOUSE AND SEE THE LATEST MODEL PLANE I'M WORKING ON? IT'S KEEN.'
MY AIRPLANE MODEL -- IT'S BROKEN.' WHO DID THIS?
OH, BILLY, IT'S TOO BAD. THE BABY THREW HIS BALL AND KNOCKED IT OFF THE TABLE. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.
IT'S TOUGH, BILLY, BUT I GUESS THE BABY'S TOO LITTLE YET TO STOP AND THINK. MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU FIX IT UP.'
THANKS, ALLERGY... BUT FIRST, LET'S PAY MR. JONES A VISIT. I UNDERSTAND BETTER NOW HOW HE MUST FEEL.
DON'T THANK US, MR. JONES. IT'S THE LEAST WE COULD DO. WE'RE OLD ENOUGH TO STOP AND THINK.
YEAH -- THAT'S ONE OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BABIES AND US KIDS WHO ARE MORE GROWN UP.
LEARNING TO BE THOUGHTFUL AND NOT CAUSE OTHERS EXTRA WORK AND WORRY IS A SURE SIGN OF GROWING UP! SO TAKE A TIP FROM BILLY AND ALLERGY.'

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OF THE WORLD'S CREATURES, NONE HAS A MORE COMPLEX SOCIETY THAN THE TINY BEE! THE RULE OF THE QUEEN BEE IS UNDISPUTED... HER ARMIES OF WORKERS RIVAL HUMANS IN MANY WAYS, EXCEPT FOR SIZE! BUT NOW, THROUGH A FANTASTIC PRANK OF FATE, THESE INTELLIGENT INSECTS GAIN TREMENDOUS SIZE--LARGE ENOUGH TO CONQUER MAN! AND BETWEEN THEM AND SUCCESS STANDS ONLY THE DARING DUO OF BATMAN AND ROBIN, WHO MUST EMPLOY THEIR EVERY TALENT TO SURVIVE IN...
"The VALLEY of GIANT BEES!"
ROBIN! HE'S BEEN CAPTURED AND MADE A JESTER IN THE COURT OF THE QUEEN BEE!
BY BOB KANE

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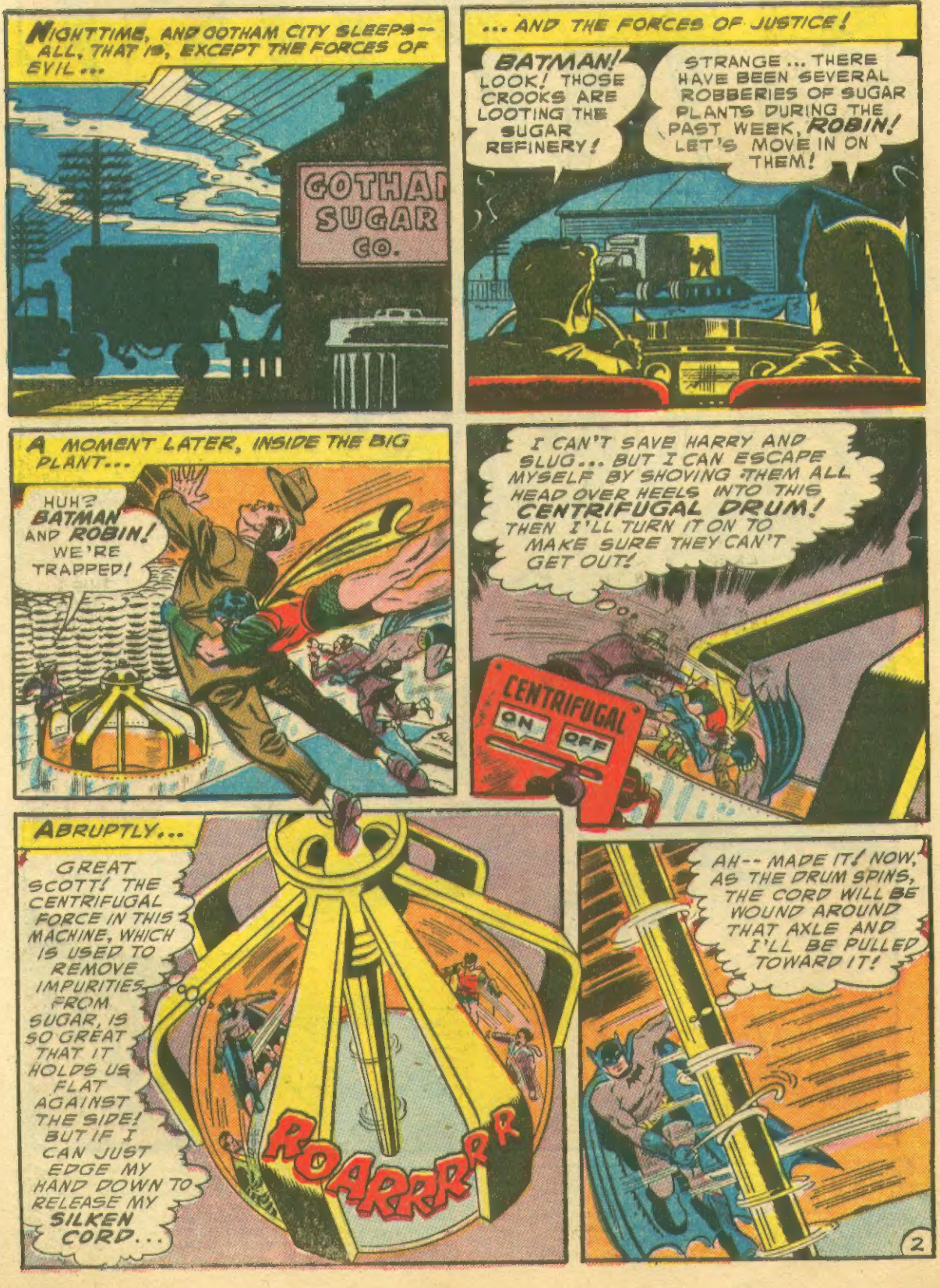
NIGHTTIME, AND GOTHAM CITY SLEEPS--ALL, THAT IS, EXCEPT THE FORCES OF EVIL...
GOTHAM SUGAR CO.
... AND THE FORCES OF JUSTICE!
BATMAN! LOOK! THOSE CROOKS ARE LOOTING THE SUGAR REFINERY!
STRANGE... THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ROBBERIES OF SUGAR PLANTS DURING THE PAST WEEK, ROBIN! LET'S MOVE IN ON THEM!
A MOMENT LATER, INSIDE THE BIG PLANT...
HUH? BATMAN AND ROBIN! WE'RE TRAPPED!
I CAN'T SAVE HARRY AND SLUG... BUT I CAN ESCAPE MYSELF BY SHOVING THEM ALL HEAD OVER HEELS INTO THIS CENTRIFUGAL DRUM! THEN I'LL TURN IT ON TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN'T GET OUT!
CENTRIFUGAL
ON
OFF
ABRUPTLY...
GREAT SCOTT! THE CENTRIFUGAL FORCE IN THIS MACHINE, WHICH IS USED TO REMOVE IMPURITIES FROM SUGAR, IS SO GREAT THAT IT HOLDS US FLAT AGAINST THE SIDE! BUT IF I CAN JUST EDGE MY HAND DOWN TO RELEASE MY SILKEN CORD...
ROARRRR
AH-- MADE IT! NOW, AS THE DRUM SPINS, THE CORD WILL BE WOUND AROUND THAT AXLE AND I'LL BE PULLED TOWARD IT!
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HERE AT THE CENTER, THERE'S NO CENTRIFUGAL FORCE! I CAN SHINNY UP THE AXLE AND TURN OFF THE CONTROL SWITCH!

AFTER HALTING THE GIANT MECHANISM, BATMAN DELIVERS HIS CAPTIVES TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, BUT THERE...

NO SOAP, BATMAN! THE TWO REFUSE TO TALK... WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT'S BEHIND THESE SUGAR THEFTS!

TOO BAD THEIR BOSS ESCAPED WITH THE GET-AWAY TRUCK, COMMISSIONER GORDON!

RETURNING HOME, THE TWO CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS RESUME THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

THIS CERTAINLY IS THE STRANGEST CRIME WAVE WE'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED, BRUCE! WHAT CAN CROOKS POSSIBLY WANT WITH SO MANY TONS OF SUGAR?

WISH I KNEW, DICK... BUT THE ONLY WAY TO FIND OUT IS TO KEEP CONSTANTLY ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THEM!

AND THE FOLLOWING EVENING, AS THEY PATROL GOTHAM CITY'S WAREHOUSE DISTRICT...

AH-- WE'RE IN LUCK! THOSE FIGURES MOVING TOWARD THE SUGAR WAREHOUSE... SHALL WE CLOSE IN ON THEM, BATMAN?

ON SUGAR CORP.

NO--NOT YET, ROBIN! THIS TIME WE'LL LET THEM GO THROUGH WITH THE ROBBERY SO WE CAN SEE WHERE THEY'RE TAKING THE STUFF! WE CAN ALWAYS RETRIEVE THE STOLEN SUGAR LATER!

HOURS LATER...

THEY'VE BEEN FOLLOWING TRUCK TRACKS FOR MILES THROUGH THESE MOUNTAINS! AND NOW EVEN THE TRACKS HAVE DISAPPEARED!

THE TREES PREVENT FURTHER OBSERVATION FROM THE AIR! WE'LL LAND IN THIS FIELD AND CONTINUE AFTER THEM ON FOOT!

PRESENTLY...

THE TRACKS SEEM TO END AT THIS PIT AND... YEEOW! THAT SUDDEN WIND... I'VE LOST MY BALANCE!

IT'S BLOWING ME TOWARD THE EDGE! IF I CAN JUST GRASP A BUSH... NO! TOO LATE... I'M GOING OVER!

A SICKENING DROP THROUGH SPACE-- AND SECONDS AFTERWARD...
OH-H-H... WHERE AM I? WAIT--I REMEMBER... A SUDDEN WIND HIT ME! THE FALL MUST 'VE KNOCKED ME OUT! BUT I DON'T SEE ROBIN... AND HE FELL FIRST!
PERHAPS HE CAME TO BEFORE ME AND... GREAT SCOTT! THAT WIND... IT'S NOT AN ORDINARY WIND AT ALL! IT'S...IT'S... OH-- THIS IS TOO HORRIBLE TO BELIEVE!
WHOOSH!
ZZZZZZZZZZ
WHOOOOOOSH!!
THAT'S WHAT BLEW US OFF THE CLIFF INTO THIS VALLEY! THE WIND CREATED BY THE BEATING WINGS OF THOSE MAMMOTH BEES!
WHAT I'VE SEEN HAS MADE ME A BIT UNSTEADY! BUT I MUST GET CONTROL OF MYSELF... ROBIN IS MISSING! I HATE TO THINK IT, BUT HE MAY HAVE BEEN CARRIED OFF BY THOSE GIANT INSECTS!
A SWIFT RACE DOWN THE VALLEY WHERE MOMENTS LATER...
YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WHERE ARE WE?
ODD... ALL THESE MEN CARRYING BAGS OF SUGAR... THEY MOVE AS IF IN A TRANCE! I CAN'T SEEM TO GET THROUGH TO THEM!
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WAIT A MINUTE... THERE AT THE END OF THE VALLEY... A *TREMENDOUS HONEYCOMB!* AND THESE MEN ARE STORING SUGAR IN THE CELLS! IT'S FANTASTIC--BUT THEY SEEM TO BE WORKERS... *HUMAN DRONES!*

THIS EXPLAINS THE SERIES OF SUGAR REFINERY THEFTS! SOMEHOW, THE HUGE BEES HAVE HYPNOTIZED THESE MEN AND ARE USING THEM TO SUPPLY SUGAR FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS APPETITES!

ZZZZZZZZZZZZ

CAN'T SPOT *ROBIN* ANYWHERE... BUT I NOTICE SOME OF THE "WORKERS" GOING THROUGH THAT NARROW PASS! PERHAPS HE'S A PRISONER THERE... BUT I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED BY THE BEE GUARDS!

ZZZZZZZZZZZZ

ONLY ONE CHANCE... IN THE *BAT-PLANE*, I MAY BE ABLE TO GET BY! BUT I MUST HURRY BEFORE I FALL UNDER THE INSECTS' SPELL! THE CONSTANT DRONING IS ALREADY MAKING ME DIZZY!

AND AFTER RETRIEVING THE BAT-PLANE...

NOW TO FLY THROUGH THAT PASS AND... OH, OH-- THE PLANE'S BEEN SPOTTED! THE BEES ARE TRYING TO HEAD ME OFF! THEY'RE LIKE A SQUADRON OF *LIVING FIGHTER PLANES!*

BEE COMING IN AT 9 O'CLOCK! ALL I CAN DO TO REACH THE PASS IS OUTMANEUVER THESE-- THESE WINGED MONSTERS!
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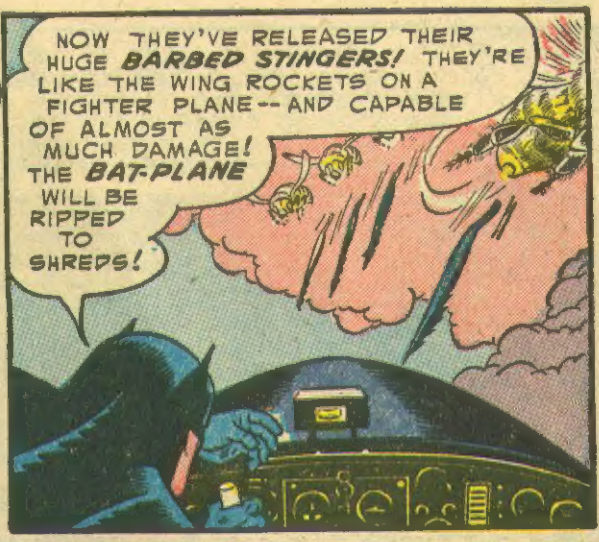
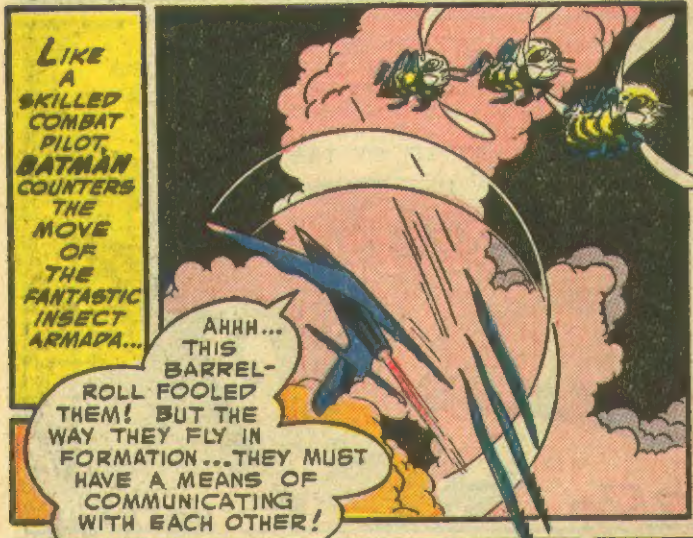
ZZZZZZ


NOW THEY'VE RELEASED THEIR HUGE BARBED STINGERS! THEY'RE LIKE THE WING ROCKETS ON A FIGHTER PLANE-- AND CAPABLE OF ALMOST AS MUCH DAMAGE! THE BAT-PLANE WILL BE RIPPED TO SHREDS!


LIKE A SKILLED COMBAT PILOT, BATMAN COUNTERS THE MOVE OF THE FANTASTIC INSECT ARMADA...
AHHH... THIS BARREL-ROLL FOOLED THEM! BUT THE WAY THEY FLY IN FORMATION...THEY MUST HAVE A MEANS OF COMMUNICATING WITH EACH OTHER!

IT'S A LONG SHOT, OF COURSE, BUT I'LL JUST TRY MY RADIO HEADSET AND... YES-- I AM GETTING SOMETHING! THOSE CREATURES MUST SEND OUT ELECTRICAL SIGNALS FROM THEIR ANTENNAE! AND THEY'RE SO POWERFUL, EVEN I SEEM TO PICK THEM UP!

YES-- NOW I UNDERSTAND THEM! ACCORDING TO THE MESSAGE I'M GETTING THROUGH THE EARPHONES, THAT SQUADRON OF BEES HAS BEEN ORDERED TO ATTACK GOTHAM CITY! I MUST STOP THEM!

BUT AS BATMAN SPEEDS BACK TO THE CITY...
FIRST I'LL WARN EVERYONE BY RADIO THAT... NO-- I'M TOO LATE! THE BEES HAVE SWARMED OVER THE ANTENNA... THEY'RE CUTTING OFF ALL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION!
STATION XEW

THE BAT-PLANE'S RETRACTABLE HELICOPTER BLADES PERMIT LANDING ON THE STATION ROOF. AND THEN...

THERE'S STILL A CHANCE -- WITH A JOLT OF ELECTRICITY FROM THIS HIGH TENSION WIRE! YES-- IT WORKED... THE BEES ARE TAKING OFF!

ZZZZT! ZZZZT!

STATION XEW

NOW TO SEND A RADIO WARNING AND... HOLD IT! THE INSECTS HAVE ALREADY CORALLED A CROWD OF HUMANS! THE PEOPLE SEEM HYPNOTIZED WITH FEAR!

ZZZZZZZZZZ

THE BEES ARE OUT TO CAPTURE MORE HUMAN DRONES! FOR ME TO ATTACK THEM SINGLE-HANDED WOULD BE FUTILE UNLESS... WAIT-- THAT DEPARTMENT STORE GIVES ME AN IDEA!

GOTHAM DEPARTMENT Store

SECONDS LATER...

HERE IN THE BASEMENT ARE KEPT THE GIANT BALLOONS USED IN THE STORE'S ANNUAL PARADE! IF I CAN JUST FIND THE RIGHT ONE... AH-- HERE IT IS! NOW TO INFLATE IT!

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SOON...

HERE'S HOPING! EVEN THOUGH THEY'VE GROWN TO TREMENDOUS SIZE, THOSE BEES MUST REACT TO THEIR NATURAL INSTINCTS... IN THIS CASE, THEIR MORTAL ENEMY-- THE SPIDER!

BASEMENT

NEXT INSTANT...
IT WORKED! THIS BALLOON IS SO LIFE-LIKE, IT SENT THEM FLYING AWAY IN PANIC! THEY'RE HEADING BACK TOWARD THE VALLEY!
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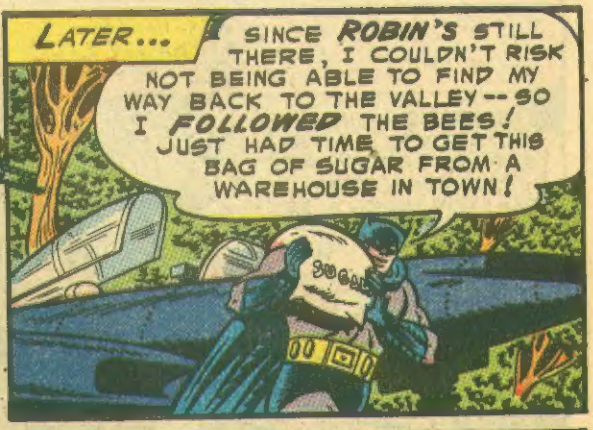
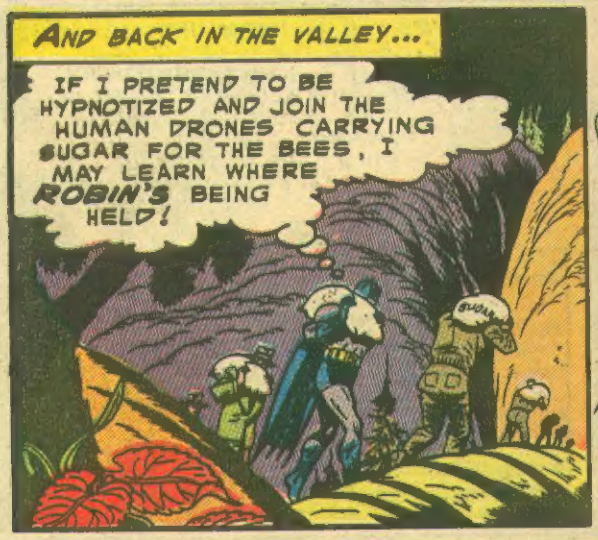
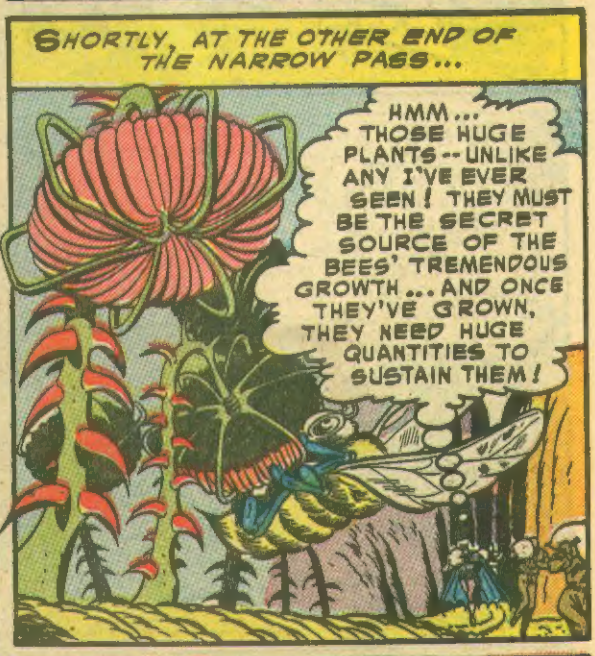
ZZZZZ


LATER...
SINCE ROBIN'S STILL THERE, I COULDN'T RISK NOT BEING ABLE TO FIND MY WAY BACK TO THE VALLEY -- SO I FOLLOWED THE BEES! JUST HAD TIME TO GET THIS BAG OF SUGAR FROM A WAREHOUSE IN TOWN!


AND BACK IN THE VALLEY...
IF I PRETEND TO BE HYPNOTIZED AND JOIN THE HUMAN DRONES CARRYING SUGAR FOR THE BEES, I MAY LEARN WHERE ROBIN'S BEING HELD!


SHORTLY, AT THE OTHER END OF THE NARROW PASS...
HMM... THOSE HUGE PLANTS -- UNLIKE ANY I'VE EVER SEEN! THEY MUST BE THE SECRET SOURCE OF THE BEES' TREMENDOUS GROWTH... AND ONCE THEY'VE GROWN, THEY NEED HUGE QUANTITIES TO SUSTAIN THEM!

NOW I GET IT... THE HUMAN DRONES ARE KEPT IN THAT HIVE! IT'S A MASS OF PRISON CELLS INTO WHICH THEY'RE SEALED WHEN THEY'VE DELIVERED THEIR SUGAR!

AFTER I DUMP THIS SACK, IT'LL BE MY TURN TO GET SEALED INTO ONE OF THE HIVE'S CELLS! PERHAPS I CAN AVOID THE BEES BY DUCKING INTO THIS CAVE!

A MOMENT LATER, INSIDE THE DARK CAVERN...

WHAT'S THIS?... TEAMS OF **BATS** TETHERED TO THE BEES ANTENNAE? I WONDER IF... YES -- THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER! BATS CAN MANEUVER IN THE DARK BY NATURAL RADAR... WHICH MEANS THESE BEES ARE EQUIPPED AS **NIGHT FIGHTERS!**

OH, OH... THESE BEES HAVE SPOTTED ME! I'LL USE THE **BAT RADAR SYSTEM** TO ESCAPE THROUGH THIS PITCH DARK TUNNEL!

AND AS **BATMAN** EMERGES INTO ANOTHER CAVERN...

ROBIN!

GO BACK, **BATMAN!** NO HUMAN WHO ENTERS THIS ROOM CAN RETURN ALIVE!

ONCE YOU'VE DISCOVERED THE HIDING PLACE OF THE **QUEEN BEE**, THEY'LL NEVER LET YOU GO! I'M HELD AS ONE OF HER SLAVES... BUT THERE'S STILL TIME FOR **YOU** TO ESCAPE!

NO... I'M NOT LEAVING WITHOUT YOU, **ROBIN!** I'LL FIGHT THOSE CREATURES EVEN IF IT MEANS...

LOOK OUT, **BATMAN!** ONE OF THE BEE GUARDS HAS SPOTTED YOU! A STING FROM HIM MEANS CERTAIN DEATH!

THE GIANT BEES! I'LL FIGHT THEM! THEY CAN'T HOLD YOU, ROBIN! I'LL...
GIANT BEES? HOLD ME? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, BATMAN? THE FALL OFF THAT CLIFF MUST'VE REALLY SHAKEN YOU UP!
WHAT--? WH-WHERE ARE THE MAMMOTH BEES?...THE ONES THAT HELD YOU PRISONER, ROBIN?
GOLLY-- YOU SURE MUST'VE HAD SOME NIGHTMARE! BUT WHILE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS, I DISCOVERED THE REASON FOR THE ROBBERIES IN THE SUGAR REFINERIES!
THERE'S AN ILLEGAL LIQUOR STILL IN THIS SECRET VALLEY! SEE?...THOSE BOOTLEGGERS NEED HUGE QUANTITIES OF SUGAR FROM WHICH TO MAKE THEIR PRODUCT!
YES...YES -- I SEE! BUT I CAN'T GET OVER THE SIGHT OF THOSE GIANT INSECTS... THEY WERE SO REAL!
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AND SO, PRESENTLY, IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE..
FEDERAL AGENTS HAVE ALREADY ARRESTED THOSE CROOKS AND... SAY-- WHAT'S THAT STRANGE OBJECT YOU'RE TAKING FROM THE BAT-PLANE'S FUSILAGE?
IT COULD BE A STICK WE PICKED UP WHEN WE LANDED IN THAT FIELD ROBIN... BUT NOTE ITS STRANGE SHAPE-- EXACTLY THE SHAPE OF A STINGER FROM A GIANT BEE!
THE END

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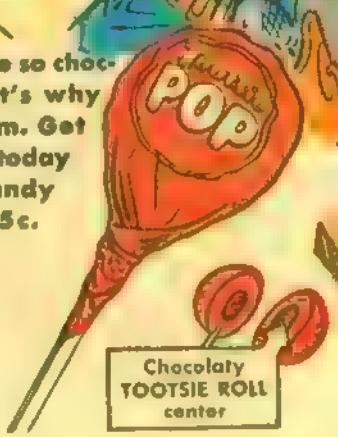

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H'YA, CASEY!
WHAT'S THE IDEA WEARING A BASEBALL GLOVE?
OH, THIS IS A PRETTY ROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD-
-AND PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS THROWING THINGS OUT OF WINDOWS - SEE!
The END

BATMAN
ROBIN
HA-HA! I-- THE CATWOMAN -- HAVE BECOME THE MODERN WITCH OF GOTHAM CITY!
REMEMBER THE ENCHANTING FAIRY TALE ABOUT SNOW WHITE-- WHO BIT INTO A POISONED APPLE AND WAS DOOMED TO ETERNAL SLEEP UNTIL HER PRINCE CHARMING AWOKE HER WITH A KISS? WELL, HERE IS A MODERN COUNTERPART TO THAT TALE--BUT ONE WITH MUCH MORE SINISTER OVERTONES! FOR THE FEMALE SCOURGE OF GOTHAM CITY HAS RETURNED--THE CATWOMAN, SLASHING ENEMY OF BATMAN AND ROBIN-- AND WITH HER COMES A STORY OF RARE SUSPENSE AND AMAZEMENT--
"THE SLEEPING BEAUTIES OF GOTHAM CITY!"
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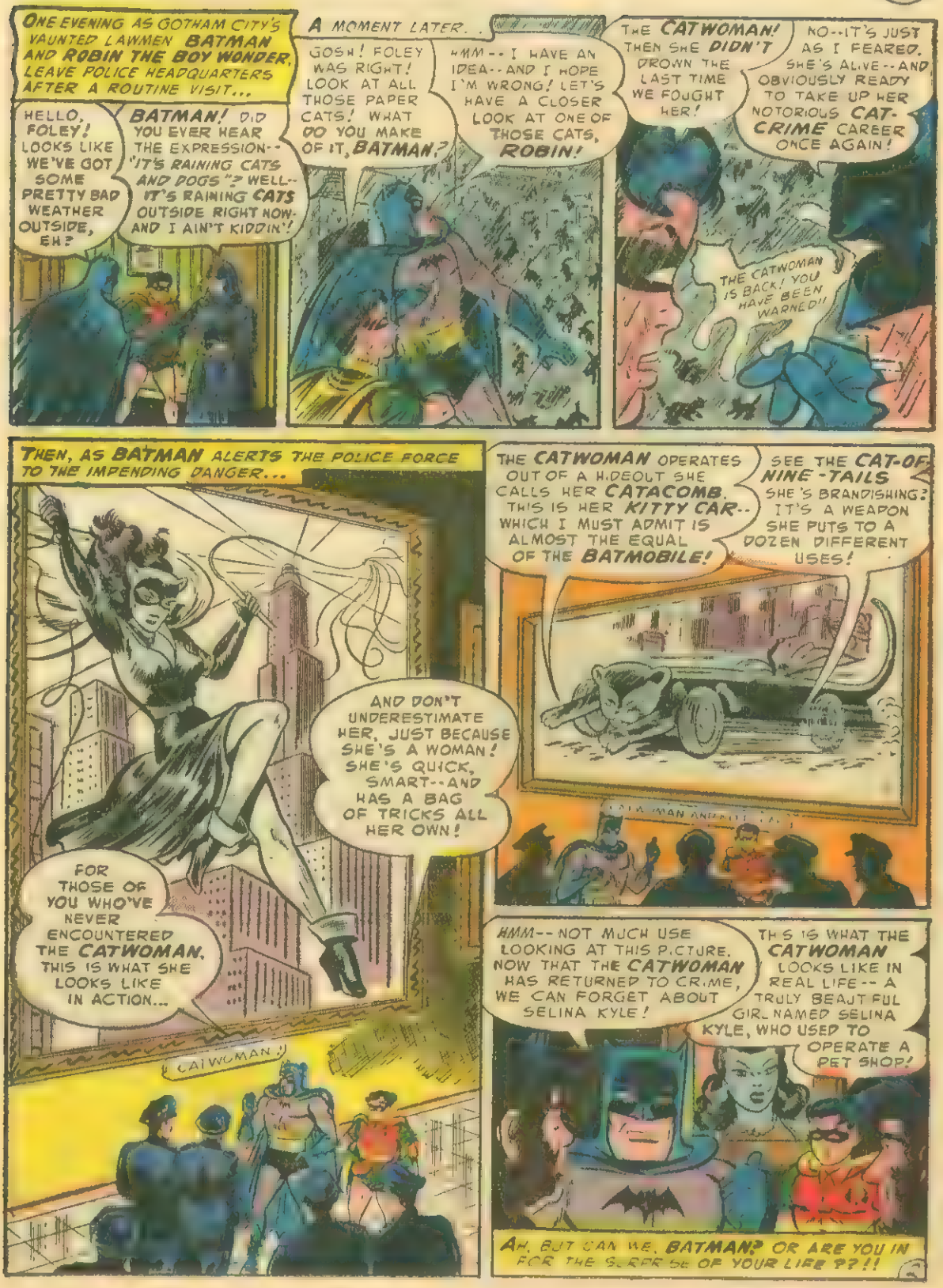
ONE EVENING AS GOTHAM CITY'S VAUNTED LAWMEN BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER, LEAVE POLICE HEADQUARTERS AFTER A ROUTINE VISIT...
HELLO, FOLEY! LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT SOME PRETTY BAD WEATHER OUTSIDE, EH?
BATMAN! DID YOU EVER HEAR THE EXPRESSION--"IT'S RAINING CATS AND DOGS"? WELL--IT'S RAINING CATS OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW--AND I AIN'T KIDDIN'!
A MOMENT LATER...
GOSH! FOLEY WAS RIGHT! LOOK AT ALL THOSE PAPER CATS! WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, BATMAN?
HMM--I HAVE AN IDEA--AND I HOPE I'M WRONG! LET'S HAVE A CLOSER LOOK AT ONE OF THOSE CATS, ROBIN!
THE CATWOMAN! THEN SHE DIDN'T DROWN THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT HER!
NO--IT'S JUST AS I FEARED. SHE'S ALIVE--AND OBVIOUSLY READY TO TAKE UP HER NOTORIOUS CAT-CRIME CAREER ONCE AGAIN!
THE CATWOMAN IS BACK! YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!
THEN, AS BATMAN ALERTS THE POLICE FORCE TO THE IMPENDING DANGER...
AND DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HER, JUST BECAUSE SHE'S A WOMAN! SHE'S QUICK, SMART--AND HAS A BAG OF TRICKS ALL HER OWN!
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO'VE NEVER ENCOUNTERED THE CATWOMAN, THIS IS WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE IN ACTION...
CATWOMAN!
THE CATWOMAN OPERATES OUT OF A HIDEOUT SHE CALLS HER CATACOMB. THIS IS HER KITTY CAR--WHICH I MUST ADMIT IS ALMOST THE EQUAL OF THE BATMOBILE!
SEE THE CAT-OF-NINE-TAILS SHE'S BRANDISHING? IT'S A WEAPON SHE PUTS TO A DOZEN DIFFERENT USES!
HMM--NOT MUCH USE LOOKING AT THIS PICTURE. NOW THAT THE CATWOMAN HAS RETURNED TO CRIME, WE CAN FORGET ABOUT SELINA KYLE!
THIS IS WHAT THE CATWOMAN LOOKS LIKE IN REAL LIFE--A TRULY BEAUTIFUL GIRL NAMED SELINA KYLE, WHO USED TO OPERATE A PET SHOP!
AH, BUT CAN WE, BATMAN? OR ARE YOU IN FOR THE SURPRISE OF YOUR LIFE??!!

NEXT DAY, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** REVERT TO THEIR EVERYDAY ROLES AS MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

WHICH ONE OF THESE BEAUTIES WILL BE GOTHAM CITY'S "QUEEN FOR A DAY?"

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YOU KNOW, THAT'S QUITE A BEAUTY CONTEST, DICK. THOSE GIRLS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM MORE THAN 100,000 APPLICANTS!

WOW! ONE'S PRETTIER THAN THE NEXT! I WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO PICK A WINNER!

SUDDENLY...

BRUCE! AM I SEEING THINGS? THE FIFTH CONTESTANT IS **SELINA KYLE! THE CATWOMAN!**

OF ALL THE BRAZEN...! COME ON, DICK--WE'VE GOT SOME INQUIRIES TO MAKE!

SELINA KYLE

A LIGHTNING-SWIFT CHANGE OF GARB, AND THE LAWMEN RUSH TO THE OFFICES OF THE W. ROSS COSMETIC CO....

YOU SEE, **BATMAN**--IN FAIRNESS TO ALL CONTESTANTS, NAMES WERE REMOVED FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHS THE JUDGES STUDIED. THE SELECTION WAS BASED ON BEAUTY ALONE!

AND WE MUST CONFESS IGNORANCE. WE HAD NO IDEA SELINA KYLE WAS THE **CATWOMAN** I THOUGHT THE **CATWOMAN** WAS DEAD!

BUT YOU MUST HAVE SOME ADDRESS WHERE YOU CAN REACH SELINA KYLE, I'D LIKE TO HAVE IT!

CERTAINLY, **BATMAN.** I HAVE ALL THE HOME ADDRESSES IN MY DESK. BUT--A WORD OF CAUTION. IF WE'RE TOO HASTY IN DISQUALIFYING MISS KYLE, SHE MAY SUE US IN COURT!

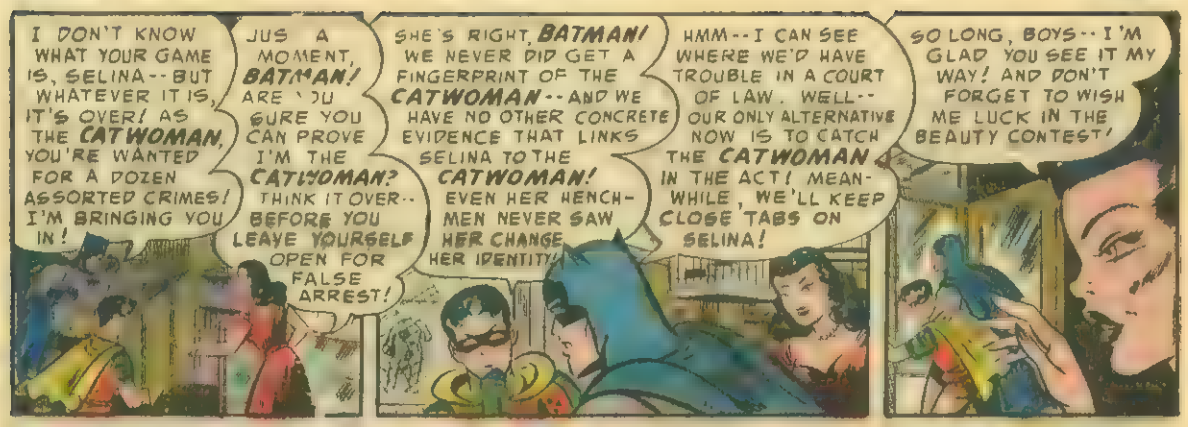
ROBIN, LOOK! SELINA KYLE'S ADDRESS IS JUST WHAT IT FIGURES TO BE -- A **PET SHOP**, OVER ON TENTH ST.!

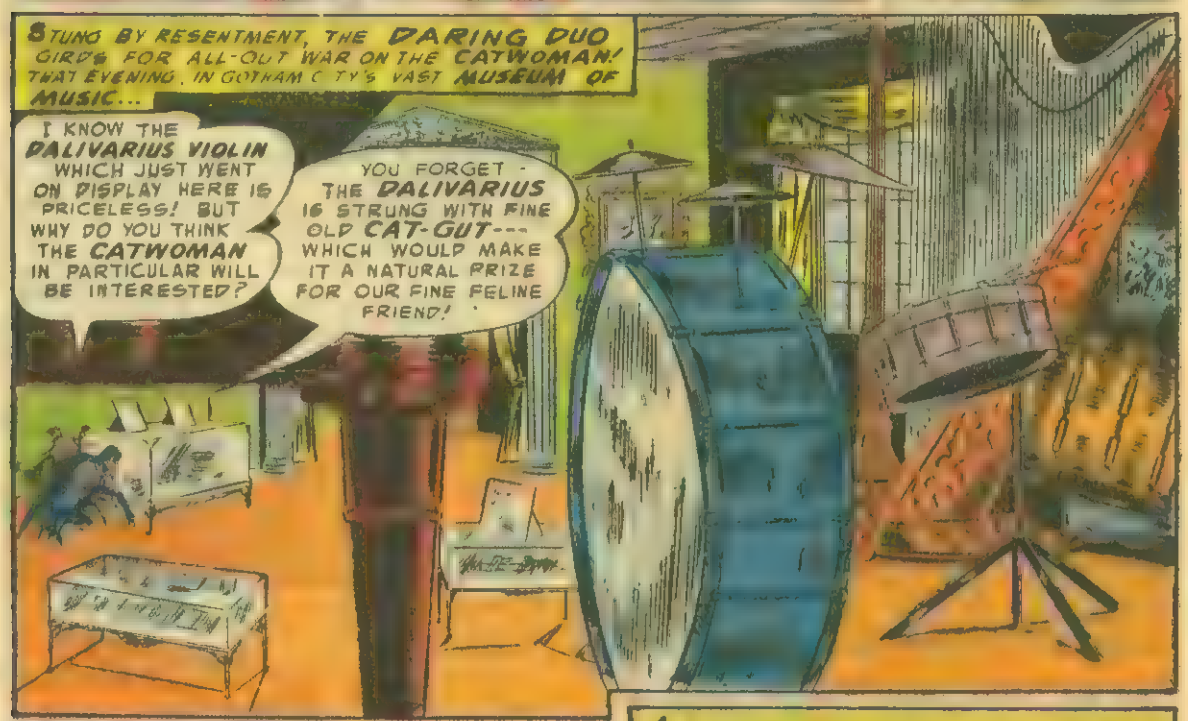
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S GO!

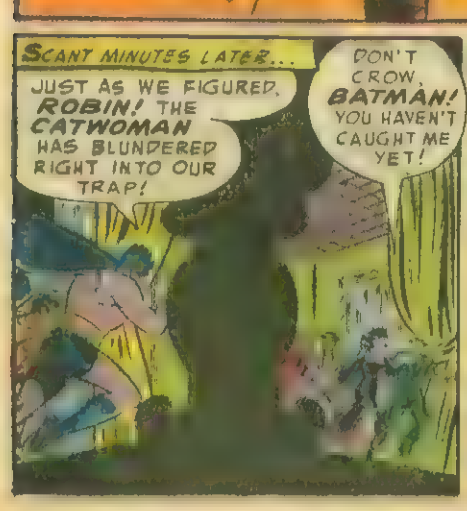
AND SOON AFTER...

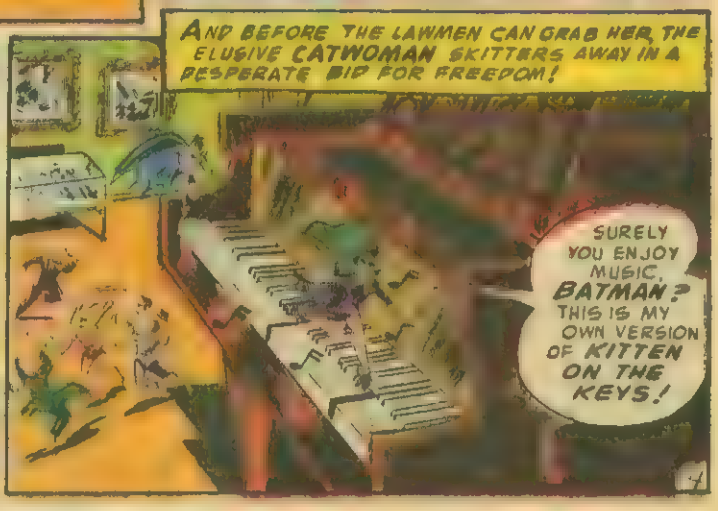
THERE SHE IS, **BATMAN!** THE **CATWOMAN** IN THE FLESH!

BATMAN AND ROBIN! I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU WERE GOING TO PAY YOUR RESPECTS!


I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR GAME IS, SELINA -- BUT WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S OVER! AS THE CATWOMAN, YOU'RE WANTED FOR A DOZEN ASSORTED CRIMES! I'M BRINGING YOU IN!
JUS A MOMENT, BATMAN! ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN PROVE I'M THE CATWOMAN? THINK IT OVER -- BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOURSELF OPEN FOR FALSE ARREST!
SHE'S RIGHT, BATMAN! WE NEVER DID GET A FINGERPRINT OF THE CATWOMAN -- AND WE HAVE NO OTHER CONCRETE EVIDENCE THAT LINKS SELINA TO THE CATWOMAN! EVEN HER HENCHMEN NEVER SAW HER CHANGE HER IDENTITY!
HMM -- I CAN SEE WHERE WE'D HAVE TROUBLE IN A COURT OF LAW. WELL -- OUR ONLY ALTERNATIVE NOW IS TO CATCH THE CATWOMAN IN THE ACT! MEANWHILE, WE'LL KEEP CLOSE TABS ON SELINA!
SO LONG, BOYS -- I'M GLAD YOU SEE IT MY WAY! AND DON'T FORGET TO WISH ME LUCK IN THE BEAUTY CONTEST!


STUNG BY RESENTMENT, THE DARING DUO GIRDS FOR ALL-OUT WAR ON THE CATWOMAN! THAT EVENING, IN GOTHAM CITY'S VAST MUSEUM OF MUSIC...
I KNOW THE DALIVARIUS VIOLIN WHICH JUST WENT ON DISPLAY HERE IS PRICELESS! BUT WHY DO YOU THINK THE CATWOMAN IN PARTICULAR WILL BE INTERESTED?
YOU FORGET - THE DALIVARIUS IS STRUNG WITH FINE OLD CAT-GUT --- WHICH WOULD MAKE IT A NATURAL PRIZE FOR OUR FINE FELINE FRIEND!


SCANT MINUTES LATER...
JUST AS WE FIGURED, ROBIN! THE CATWOMAN HAS BLUNDERED RIGHT INTO OUR TRAP!
DON'T CROW, BATMAN! YOU HAVEN'T CAUGHT ME YET!


AND BEFORE THE LAWMEN CAN GRAB HER, THE ELUSIVE CATWOMAN SKITTERS AWAY IN A DESPERATE BID FOR FREEDOM!
SURELY YOU ENJOY MUSIC, BATMAN? THIS IS MY OWN VERSION OF KITTEN ON THE KEYS!

THE WILD CHASE RICOCHETS TO THE GIANT SET OF DRUMS! AND THEN...

SHE'S SLIPPERY--AND GRADUALLY WORKING HER WAY TOWARD AN EXIT! IF I COULD ONLY PIN HER DOWN!

BUT THE WILY CRIME-QUEEN BATTLES BACK! HER CAT-OF-NINE-TAILS LASHES OUT, TOPPLING THE GIANT HARP!

ROBIN WILL BE CRUSHED! I'VE GOT TO GIVE UP MY ADVANTAGE TO SAVE HIM!

THEN, AS AN IDEA FLASHES THROUGH BATMAN'S EVER-ALERT MIND...

I'VE TRAPPED HER! NOW TO FASTEN THIS FOOT-LEVER SO THAT IT WILL HOLD, AND THEN I'LL GO UP AND GRAB HER!

CLANG

AND AS THE GIANT MUSICAL INSTRUMENT COMES CRASHING DOWN...

THANKS, BATMAN! I NEVER SAW IT FALLING! BUT---THE CATWOMAN IS ESCAPING!

NEVER MIND! SHE DIDN'T GET THE VIOLIN-- AND THERE'LL BE OTHER CHANCES FOR US TO NAIL HER!

CRASH!

NEXT DAY, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN VISIT SELINA KYLE'S SHOP AS PART OF A PRE-ARRANGED PLAN TO KEEP HER UNDER SURVEILLANCE...

REPORTERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, DOCTORS--WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

AMAZING! SELINA KYLE HAS DEVELOPED A RARE BUT HARMLESS TYPE OF SLEEPING SICKNESS! SHE HAS BECOME A MODERN-DAY SLEEPING BEAUTY!

AND AS THE LAWMEN ENTER THE SHOP....
THE W. ROSS CO. PAID FOR THIS FANCY SHOWCASE-- SO THAT THE MEDICAL PROFESSION COULD OBSERVE THIS RARE MALADY-- AND OF COURSE, FOR THE PUBLICITY TOO!
WELL, AT LEAST THIS WILL KEEP THE CATWOMAN QUIET FOR A WHILE!
NEXT EVENING...
GOTHAM GAZETTE
SLEEPING BEAUTY PASSES QUIET DAY
"NO CHANGE"
SAY DOCTORS WHO REMAIN OPTIMISTIC
EXPECT MALADY TO LINGER THREE OR FOUR WEEKS TO LEAVE NO ILL EFFECTS
"QUEEN FOR A DAY" WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK
GALA FESTIVITIES PLANNED
LATER THAT NIGHT, IN THE APARTMENT OF NANCY BROOKS...
THE--THE CATWOMAN!
DON'T BE ALARMED, SISTER! I JUST HAVE A LITTLE GAS FOR YOU TO INHALE! YOU WON'T FEEL A THING, I PROMISE YOU! HA-HA!
AND EVEN LATER THAT SAME FATEFUL EVENING AS DIANE OLSON RETURNS HOME FROM THE THEATRE...
:GASP!
:GURGLE!:
NO SCREAMING, PLEASE! I THINK IT'S TIME YOU WENT TO SLEEP-- A GOOD LONG SLEEP! HA-HA!
MINUTES LATER, AS THE HUGE RADAR GRID IN THE BAT-CAVE ATTRACTS ROBIN'S ATTENTION...
BATMAN-- THIS IS AMAZING! ONLY ONE GROUND VEHICLE BESIDE THE BATMOBILE IS LARGE ENOUGH AND FAST ENOUGH TO SEND OUT THE IMPULSES THIS GRID IS PICKING UP! THE CATWOMAN'S KITTY CAR!
WE'LL SOON FIND OUT IF IT'S THE KITTY CAR! COME ON-- LET'S PAY A VISIT TO SELINA KYLE! SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE UNDER SPECIAL GUARD, IN HER GLASS TOMB!
BUT SOON AFTER...
NO, BATMAN-- SHE'S STILL SLEEPIN' AWAY. I CAME ON AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, AND HAVE BEEN WATCHIN' HER EVER SINCE. I'M SUPPOSED TO CALL A DOCTOR, SHOULD SHE STIR.
BATMAN, DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT SOMEHOW SELINA MANAGED TO SNEAK A DUMMY INTO THAT GLASS SHOWCASE?
DUMMY? NAW-- THAT AIN'T NO DUMMY! YOU CAN SEE HER SHIVER SLIGHTLY EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE-- HER EYELIDS'LL FLUTTER JUST A LITTLE NOW AND THEN. SHE'LL TWITCH EVER SO LITTLE. NAW, SHE'S REAL ALL RIGHT!
GOSH-- I DID SEE HER EYELIDS FLUTTER...
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THEN, AS THE LAWMEN DEPART.

WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK NOW?

I'M PUZZLED! PARTICULARLY BY A SMALL, QUICK FLASH OF LIGHT I SAW WHILE WE WERE WATCHING SELINA. CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHERE IT COULD HAVE COME FROM. OH, WELL, WE MUST HAVE BEEN WRONG ABOUT THAT KITTY CAR!

NEXT DAY, A BOMBSHELL HITS GOTHAM CITY...

GOTHAM GAZETTE

TWO NEW SLEEPING BEAUTIES SECOND AND THIRD "QUEEN FOR A DAY" CONTESTANTS SUCCUMB TO STRANGE DISEASE

W. ROSS AND C SPOKESMAN FEA FOR REMAINING CONTESTANTS. ALL GIRLS MAY

THAT EVENING...

SO YOU DON'T THINK THIS SLEEPING SICKNESS EPIDEMIC IS ANY ACCIDENT?

NO! I'VE A HUNCH IT'S PART OF A SLICK PLAN, EXACTLY WHAT, I DON'T KNOW YET! BUT WE'D BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON THOSE LAST TWO CONTESTANTS WHO ARE STILL "AWAKE"!

MOMENTS LATER...

BATMAN, LOOK! THE CATWOMAN-- COMING OUT OF BOBBY SHAW'S APARTMENT! AND ESCAPING ON HER CAT-WALK!

I'LL GIVE CHASE, ROBIN! YOU'D BETTER LOOK IN ON MISS SHAW-- IT'S MY GUESS SHE NEEDS HELP!

AND AS BATMAN FOLLOWS THE CATWOMAN INTO THE WINDOW OF THE BUILDING ACROSS THE COURTYARD...

SO THE MOUSE FOLLOWED THE CAT RIGHT INTO THE TRAP! I FIGURED YOU'D SHOW UP AT BOBBY SHAW'S APARTMENT, BATMAN--- AND I WAS READY FOR YOU!

BOSS, EVERYTHING'S SET UP OVER AT THE HOUSE-WARES EXHIBIT LIKE YOU ORDERED! LET'S GET GOIN'!

SOON AFTER, AT THE HOUSEWARES EXHIBIT, CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE EVENING

WILDCATS, BATMAN! WHEN WE LET THEM LOOSE IN THE TRENCH OF THIS ORANGE JUICE SQUEEZER, WE OUGHT TO HAVE SOME FUN! THEY CAN'T GET UP TO YOU--THE GLASS IS TOO SLIPPERY--NOR CAN THEY GET OUT! BUT YOU'D BETTER NOT LEAVE YOUR PERCH, UNLESS YOU WANT TO BE TORN APART!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...
TRAPPED--AND THEY'VE TAKEN AWAY MY UTILITY BELT! I CAN'T JUMP OUT OF HERE-- AND I'D SURE HATE TO TANGLE WITH THOSE CATS! HMM-- DAWN IS BREAKING-- I'M LOSING VALUABLE TIME!
AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION? NOT FOR ANYONE WITH BATMAN'S RESOURCEFULNESS! WATCH!
I FORGOT THIS THING IS MADE OF GLASS-- AND CAN BE SHATTERED WITH A HEAVY KICK OF MY STEEL-PLATED HEEL!
CRACK
KICKING OUT A HOLE IN THE TOP OF THE SQUEEZER, BATMAN LOWERS HIMSELF THROUGH IT-- STILL SHIELDED FROM THE WILDCATS BY A WALL OF THICK GLASS!
NOW TO CAREFULLY LIFT AN EDGE OF THIS THING, AND WRIGGLE OUT TO FREEDOM!
AT LEAST THEY LEFT MY UTILITY BELT NEARBY-- I'LL CONTACT ROBIN IMMEDIATELY!
SOMETIME LATER, AS CONTACT IS RE-ESTABLISHED BETWEEN BATMAN AND ROBIN, AND THEY MEET ON A GOTHAM CITY STREET CORNER...
...WHILE THE TWO REMAINING CONTESTANTS IN THE "QUEEN FOR A DAY" CONTEST HAVE SUCCUMBED TO SLEEPING SICKNESS, SELINA KYLE HAS AWAKENED IN GOOD HEALTH! AS THE ONLY AVAILABLE CONTESTANT, SHE WILL BE NAMED QUEEN TODAY!
COME ON, ROBIN-- THAT CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED TO GO OFF AT ANY MINUTE!
AND AT THE GOTHAM CENTRE, WHERE THE ELABORATE FESTIVITIES ATTENDING THE CROWNING OF THE BEAUTY QUEEN ARE IN PROGRESS.
AHH, HERE COMES OUR MESSENGER FROM PARIS, WITH YOUR SPECIAL GIFT OF PERFUME!
{SNIFF, SNIFF} THAT'S FUNNY! I CAN SMELL THE SCENT OF THAT PERFUME QUITE PLAINLY!
QUEEN FOR A DAY

ROBIN, ANY GOOD PERFUME BOTTLE IS **HERMETICALLY SEALED** AT THE FACTORY TO PREVENT EVAPORATION. THE FACT THAT I CAN SMELL **THIS** PERFUME MEANS THE BOTTLE HAS BEEN **TAMPERED** WITH!

BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

QUEEN FOR A DAY

I THINK IT GIVES US THE ANSWER TO WHY THE **CATWOMAN** WENT TO SUCH EXTRAORDINARY LENGTHS TO MAKE SURE SHE'D WIN THE CONTEST! I WANT TO LOOK AT THAT **PERFUME BOTTLE!**

*WATCHING HIS CHANCE, **BATMAN** CLUMSILY TRIPS AGAINST SELINA, KNOCKING THE PERFUME BOTTLE OUT OF HER HANDS!*

WHY, **LOOK! DIAMONDS!** A FORTUNE IN **DIAMONDS!**

YES! A CLEVER **SMUGGLING SCHEME** NIPPED IN THE BUD!

THE **CATWOMAN** KNEW THAT THE WINNER WOULD RECEIVE SPECIAL PERFUME! IT WAS EASY FOR HER AGENTS IN EUROPE TO SWITCH BOTTLES ON THE UNSUSPECTING ENVOY, AND GIVE HIM THE ONE CONTAINING THE DIAMONDS!

THE CROOKS KNEW THAT THE ENVOY WOULD NEVER BE SUSPECTED BY **CUSTOM OFFICIALS** AND WOULD GET THROUGH WITHOUT ANY INSPECTION!

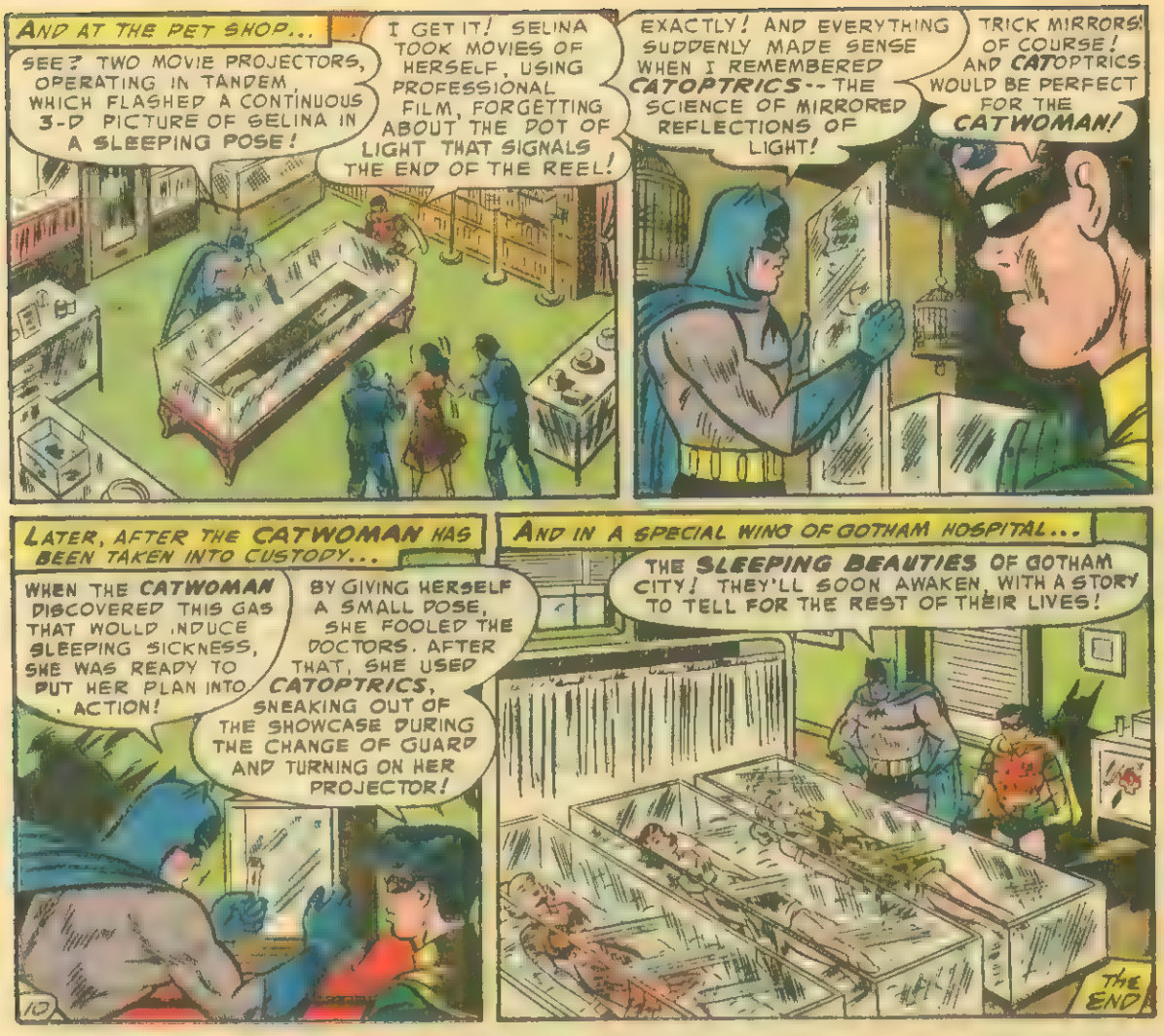
AGAIN, YOU'RE FORGETTING **BATMAN!** YOU CAN'T **PROVE** ANY OF THIS!

POSSIBLY NOT! BUT I'VE FIGURED OUT SOMETHING ELSE, THAT I **CAN** PROVE: HOW YOU OPERATED AS THE **CATWOMAN** WHILE POSING AS A SLEEPING BEAUTY!

*MOMENTS LATER THE **BATMOBILE** IS RACING THROUGH THE CITY, EN ROUTE TO SELINA'S PET SHOP...*

REMEMBER THAT **FLASH OF LIGHT** I NOTICED, **ROBIN?** IT SUDDENLY CAME TO ME-- IT'S THE DOT OF LIGHT YOU SEE ON A **MOVIE SCREEN** JUST BEFORE THE END OF A REEL, THE SIGNAL TO CHANGE PROJECTORS!

THEN WE WERE WATCHING A **MOTION PICTURE** OF SELINA IN THAT GLASS SHOWCASE!


AND AT THE PET SHOP...
SEE? TWO MOVIE PROJECTORS, OPERATING IN TANDEM, WHICH FLASHED A CONTINUOUS 3-D PICTURE OF SELINA IN A SLEEPING POSE!
I GET IT! SELINA TOOK MOVIES OF HERSELF, USING PROFESSIONAL FILM, FORGETTING ABOUT THE DOT OF LIGHT THAT SIGNALS THE END OF THE REEL!
EXACTLY! AND EVERYTHING SUDDENLY MADE SENSE WHEN I REMEMBERED CATOPTRICS -- THE SCIENCE OF MIRRORED REFLECTIONS OF LIGHT!
TRICK MIRRORS! OF COURSE! AND CATOPTRICS WOULD BE PERFECT FOR THE CATWOMAN!
LATER, AFTER THE CATWOMAN HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY...
WHEN THE CATWOMAN DISCOVERED THIS GAS THAT WOULD INDUCE SLEEPING SICKNESS, SHE WAS READY TO PUT HER PLAN INTO ACTION!
BY GIVING HERSELF A SMALL DOSE, SHE FOOLED THE DOCTORS. AFTER THAT, SHE USED CATOPTRICS, SNEAKING OUT OF THE SHOWCASE DURING THE CHANGE OF GUARD AND TURNING ON HER PROJECTOR!
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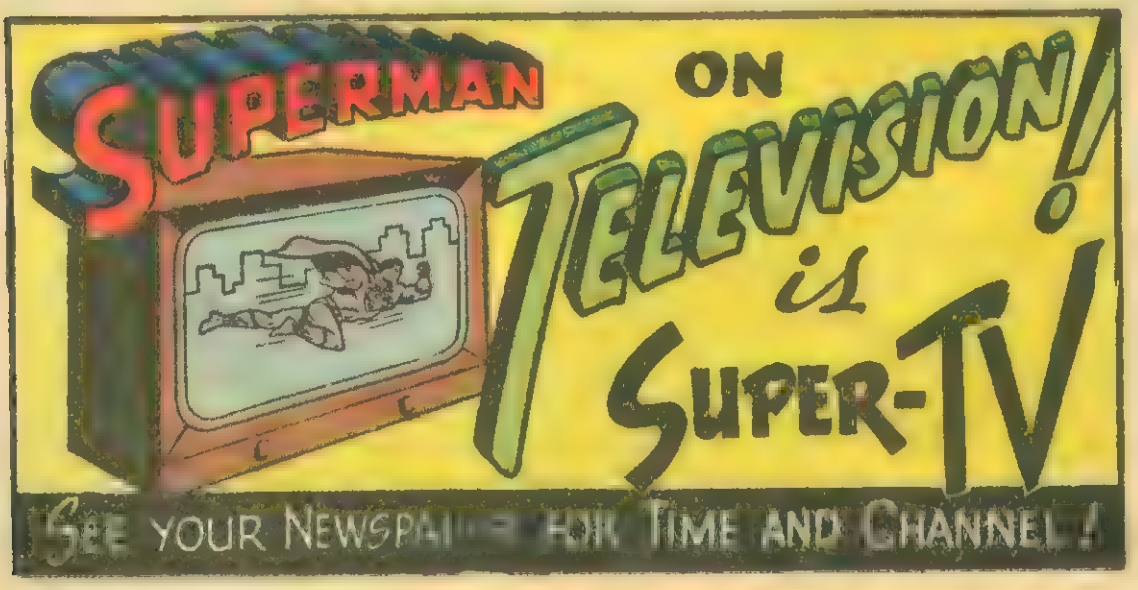
AND IN A SPECIAL WING OF GOTHAM HOSPITAL...
THE SLEEPING BEAUTIES OF GOTHAM CITY! THEY'LL SOON AWAKEN, WITH A STORY TO TELL FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES!
THE END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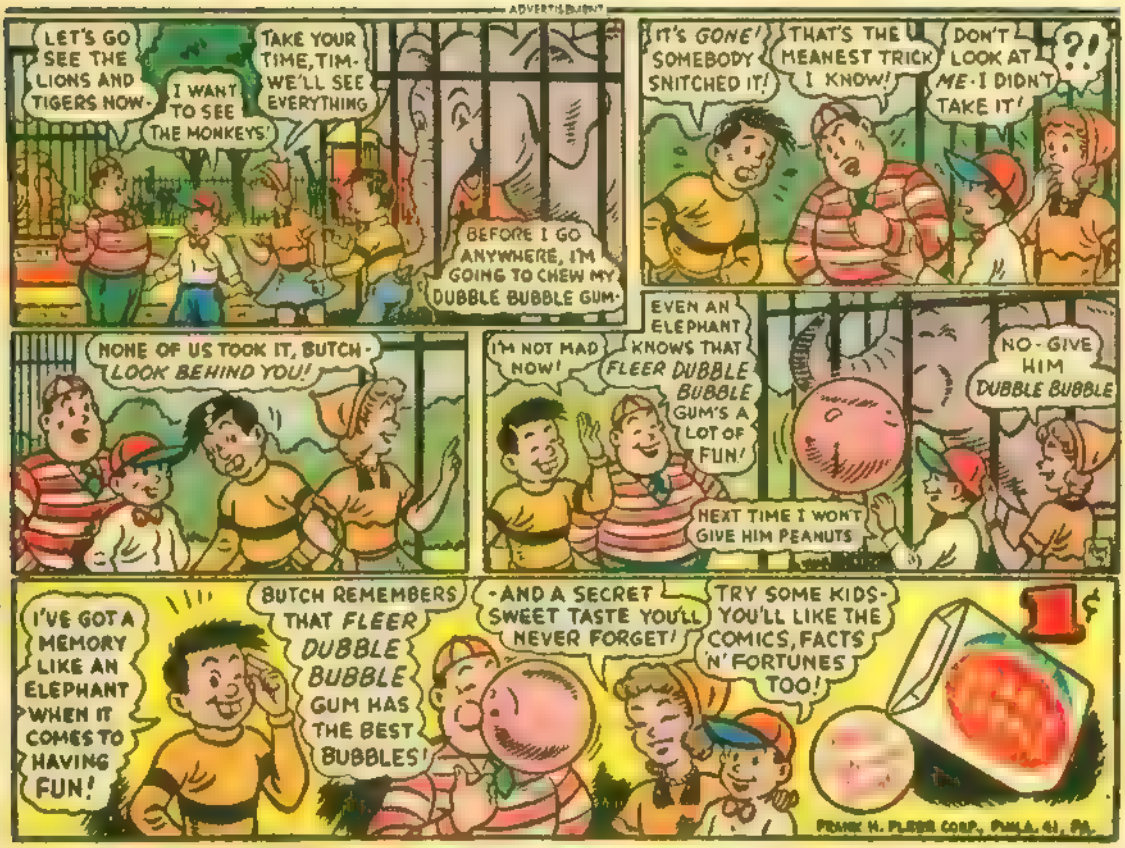
LET'S GO SEE THE LIONS AND TIGERS NOW-
I WANT TO SEE THE MONKEYS!
TAKE YOUR TIME, TIM- WE'LL SEE EVERYTHING
BEFORE I GO ANYWHERE, I'M GOING TO CHEW MY DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM-
IT'S GONE! SOMEBODY SNITCHED IT!
THAT'S THE MEANEST TRICK I KNOW!
DON'T LOOK AT ME- I DIDN'T TAKE IT!
?!
NONE OF US TOOK IT, BUTCH- LOOK BEHIND YOU!
I'M NOT MAD NOW!
EVEN AN ELEPHANT KNOWS THAT FLEER DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM'S A LOT OF FUN!
NEXT TIME I WON'T GIVE HIM PEANUTS
NO- GIVE HIM DUBBLE BUBBLE
I'VE GOT A MEMORY LIKE AN ELEPHANT WHEN IT COMES TO HAVING FUN!
BUTCH REMEMBERS THAT FLEER DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM HAS THE BEST BUBBLES!
-AND A SECRET SWEET TASTE YOU'LL NEVER FORGET!
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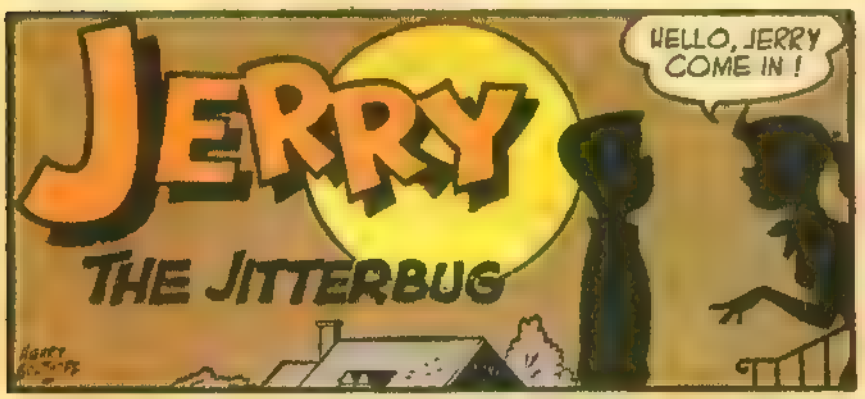

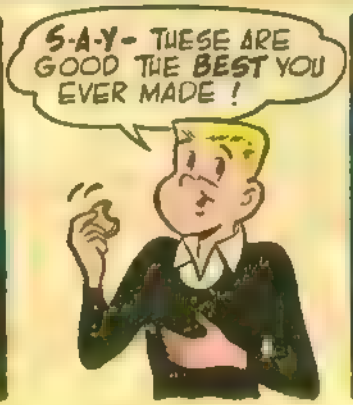

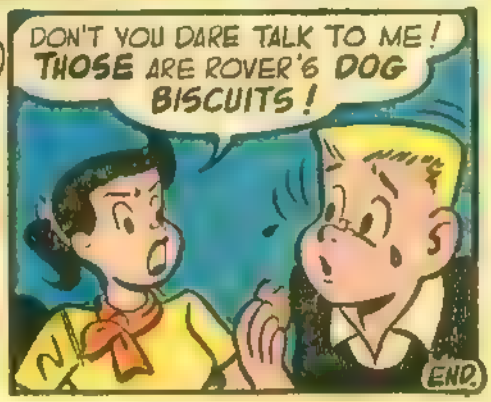

Annie GRAM

THIS IS AN ANAGRAM GAME TO BE PLAYED ALONE OR IN COMPETITION WITH FRIENDS! REARRANGE EACH FOUR-LETTER WORD AND ADD THE ENCIRCLED LETTER TO SPELL A FIVE LETTER WORD. (FOR INSTANCE: THE WORD BEAR + (V) = BRAVE) 10 MINUTES IS THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR ALL 10 WORDS AND YOU SCORE 10 POINTS FOR EACH CORRECT ANSWER! CAN YOU REACH A HUNDRED OR ATTAIN A HIGHER SCORE THAN YOUR FRIENDS?

TIME LIMIT 10 MINUTES

Example

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4	M	E	A	L	+	G	=					
5	G	O	R	E	+	P	=					
6	G	A	V	E	+	U	=					
7	T	I	L	E	+	H	=					
8	R	O	A	D	+	H	=					
9	G	O	A	T	+	N	=					
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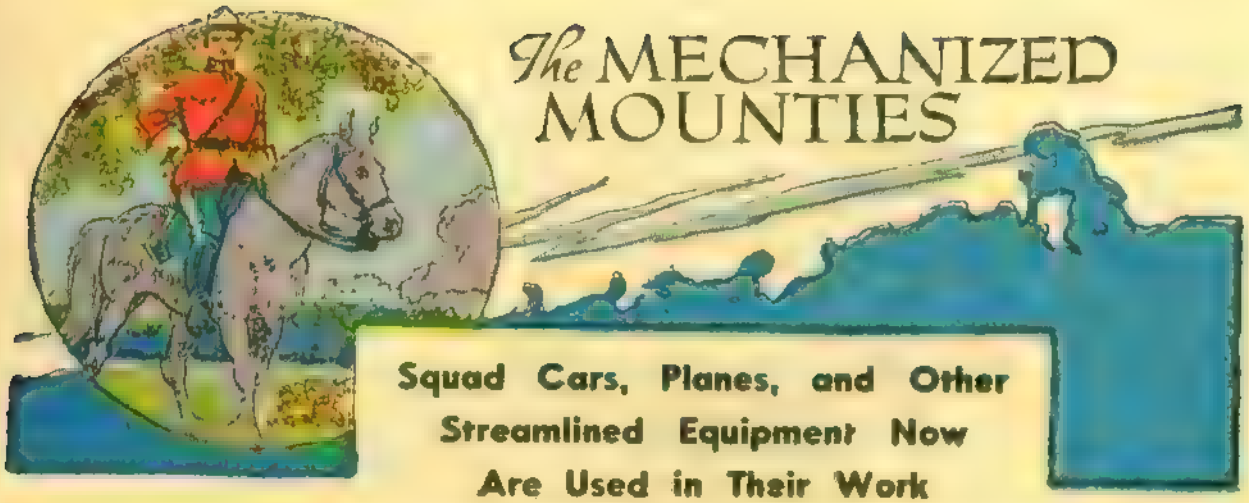


The MECHANIZED MOUNTIES

Squad Cars, Planes, and Other Streamlined Equipment Now Are Used in Their Work

WAY back in 1876, three years after the founding of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a trooper set off alone on a manhunt to the frozen wastes north of Latitude sixty. For eight long months he stayed on the trail of a French killer, eventually trapping his man in a deserted shack.

What followed was a life-and-death struggle during which the courageous trooper barely escaped death a dozen times. But, at last, he overcame his prisoner and brought him back to headquarters.

There is no doubt that the troopers of yesterday duplicated this feat many times, and it is easy to see why Hollywood producers, appreciating the glamor surrounding these far-north lawmen, coined a suitable maxim: "Don't come back until you get your man!" Actually, no real Mountie ever heard that admonition expressed by a superior officer.

Nor does the Mountie of today resemble in any way the dashing, handsome Hollywood mounties in their scarlet tunics. The tunics are worn only for special occasions, such as the Queen's birthday. For everyday duty, the Mountie is indistinguishable from any trapper, wearing the familiar northern dress of fur parkas and pure woollen turtle-necked sweaters.

But the big difference between the trooper of yesterday and the Mountie of today lies in the mode of travel. Once as strictly a horseman as the Western cowboy, the force was composed exclusively of dog-mushers and horse-wranglers. No more. The modern Mountie is strictly mechanized, although the Force still employs over 200 Huskies and Malemutes for travel near the Arctic. As for horses, only about 150 remain.

The Force today operates well over 1,000 motor vehicles of all types, including motor launches, planes fitted with pontoons, various seagoing craft, and, believe it or not, squad cars.

The Mountie himself is a far cry from his predecessor, being highly trained in such crime-busting skills as fingerprinting, ballistics, and can handle a plane as deftly as a motor launch. There is no single organization anywhere else in the world, including the United States, that has such a self-sufficient force as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The reason for this may be found in the fact that the Mounties are employed on all types of crime cases. All the various duties of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Border Patrol, the Secret Service, and the Coast Guard are taken care of, in Canada, by the Mounties.

And that isn't all. The Royal Mounted is also Canada's equivalent of the state police units which function in the United States. Thus, any Canadian province has the right to call upon the Mounties to serve as provincial police.

The tiny Canadian communities such as Prince Rupert, Flin Flon, and North Vancouver, which cannot afford to maintain an efficient police force also hire Mounties to act as local policemen. Of the provinces, only metropolitan Ontario and Quebec use their own police organizations. All the rest employ Mounties.

The total personnel of the Mounties number only 4,855. Of these, no more than 144 are stationed in the Far North. The rest are busily engaged trapping counterfeiters, smugglers, and killers. A considerable number of Mounties belong to the secret service that investigates sabotage and other crimes against the nation's security.

This department of the Royal Mounted maintains an elaborate crime laboratory as up-to-date as that belonging to the F.B.I. Employing two separate labs, one at Regina, Sask., and the other at Rockcliffe Barracks, near Ottawa, the latest scientific detection methods are used.

To become a Mountie, a man must be between 18 and 30 years of age, a British subject, at least 5 feet 8 inches tall, and weigh between 165 and 215 pounds.

Once he is accepted, the rookie undergoes an intensive training period of six months. The proportion of rookies passing this period is about one out of every ten.

The lowest Mountie rank is constable, which pays a salary of $2,520 a year. Opportunities for advancement are provided for. Higher ranks are staff sergeant, paying $3,900; inspector, paying $5,400, and assistant commissioner, which pays a salary of $7,500.

Regardless of rank achieved, retirement is granted at the end of 20 years of service, with a generous pension attached. Mounties look forward to the time when they can spend their leisure time trapping or logging in the North woods.

Because of the relatively small number of Mounties in the force, and the large areas that must be patrolled, the individual trooper leads a solitary life. But he doesn't mind this, for it is part of the Mountie's heritage. In the early days of the Royal Mounted, four troopers replaced an entire cavalry regiment on a mission of escorting a band of bloodthirsty Cree Indian warriors across the border, without a single mishap.

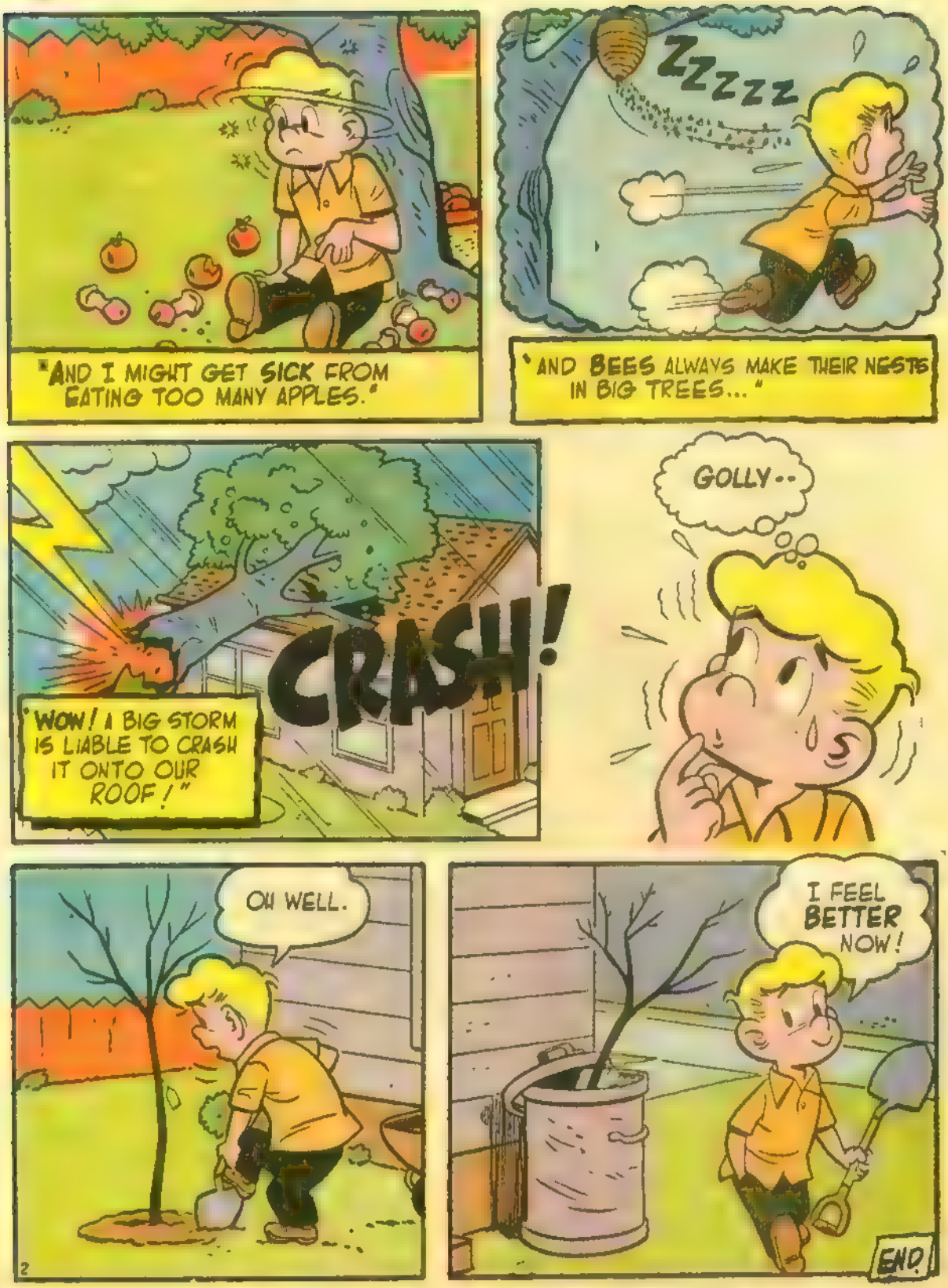
The Royal Mounted trooper disdains use of his rifle, using it only in cases of emergency. One Mountie boasted that he had never had to use his carbine at all. He had been able, he claimed, to subdue all adversaries with his fists.

"Then, why do you carry the carbine at all?" he was asked.

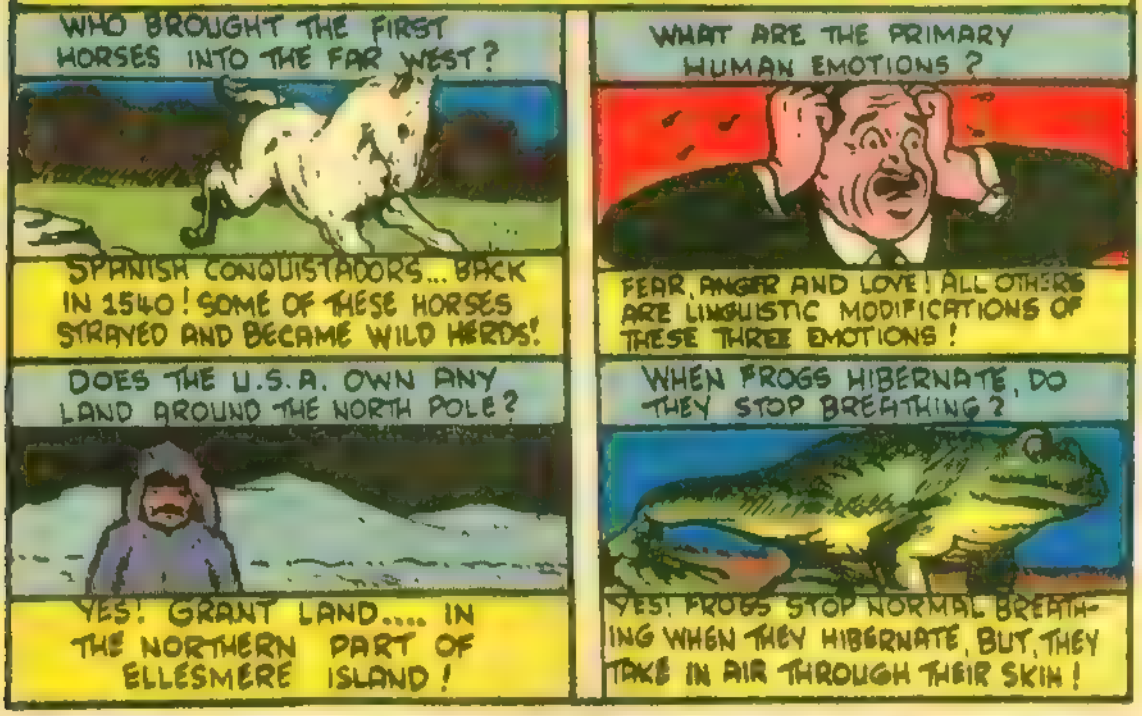
"In case I run into a grizzly bear," was the answer.

—Jack Mabely

Shorty
TUM-TA TUM
MY OWN TREE!
SOMEDAY IT'LL BE A HUGE APPLE TREE!
"I'LL BE ABLE TO PICK APPLES OFF THE BRANCHES!"
"BUT I MIGHT FALL OFF THE LADDER!"


"AND I MIGHT GET SICK FROM EATING TOO MANY APPLES."
ZZZZZ
"AND BEES ALWAYS MAKE THEIR NESTS IN BIG TREES..."
CRASH!
"WOW! A BIG STORM IS LIABLE TO CRASH IT ONTO OUR ROOF!"
GOLLY--
OH WELL.
I FEEL BETTER NOW!
END

QUICK QUIZ


WHO BROUGHT THE FIRST HORSES INTO THE FAR WEST?
SPANISH CONQUISTADORS... BACK IN 1540! SOME OF THESE HORSES STRAYED AND BECAME WILD HERDS!
WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY HUMAN EMOTIONS?
FEAR, ANGER AND LOVE! ALL OTHERS ARE LINGUISTIC MODIFICATIONS OF THESE THREE EMOTIONS!
DOES THE U.S.A. OWN ANY LAND AROUND THE NORTH POLE?
YES! GRANT LAND.... IN THE NORTHERN PART OF ELLESMERE ISLAND!
WHEN FROGS HIBERNATE, DO THEY STOP BREATHING?
YES! FROGS STOP NORMAL BREATHING WHEN THEY HIBERNATE, BUT, THEY TAKE IN AIR THROUGH THEIR SKIN!

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WONDER WOMAN
WORLD'S FINEST COMICS

BATMAN
ROBIN
EVEN THE STRONGEST AND SHARPEST MIND MAY SNAP UNDER ABNORMAL PRESSURE. THE PAPERS ARE FILLED WITH STORIES OF FAMOUS MEN WHOSE NERVES GO HAYWIRE UNDER THE PRESSURE OF MODERN LIVING. BUT SURELY NO ONE WOULD EVER SUSPECT THAT THE GREAT BATMAN WOULD ONE DAY CRACK WIDE-OPEN! AND YET HERE IS THE AMAZING INSIDE STORY OF THE PANIC-RIDDEN EVENTS THAT REDUCED BATMAN TO A SHADOW OF HIS FORMER SELF -- THE INCREDIBLE STORY CALLED --
"TEN NIGHTS of FEAR!"
GOTHAM INSANE ASYLUM
HO HO! HA HA HA HO
POOR BATMAN! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS OF FIGHTING CRIME -- HE'S FINALLY CRACKED-UP. MY POLICE FORCE WILL SURE MISS HIM!
AIN'T THAT A LAUGH -- BATMAN'S GOT BATS IN THE BELFRY!
by BOB KANE

BATMAN

MORNING. AND IT BEGINS LIKE ANY OTHER ROUTINE MORNING IN THE LIVES OF MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

AH, THAT WAS A GOOD SLEEP! C'MON, DICK-- A COLD SHOWER, A BIG BREAKFAST!

... AND THEN DOWN TO THE **BAT-CAVE** TO REPAIR THE **BATMOBILE!** I'M 'WAY AHEAD OF YOU!

YES-- MILLIONAIRE AND WARD, TO THE UNSUSPECTING. IF THE UNDERWORLD ONLY KNEW THAT THESE TWO ARE IN FACT **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN THE BOY WONDER!**

WHEN WE FINISH PLUGGING UP THESE BULLET HOLES, I WANT TO CHECK THOSE NEW **BATARANGS** WE PERFECTED...

SOON AFTER...

MUCH BETTER! THESE HAVE GREATER RANGE AND MORE ACCURACY! OKAY-- WE CAN GET TO OUR PAPER WORK IN THE CRIME LAB NOW...

DON'T FORGET-- WE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON THIS AFTERNOON TO MEET THAT **INSPECTOR** FROM **SCOTLAND YARD...**

AND THAT AFTERNOON AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

THE BRITISH ARE EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN YOUR **BELT RADIO, BATMAN.** INSPECTOR GRAYBRIDGE WOULD LIKE TO STUDY IT IN DETAIL, SO THAT A REPLICA CAN BE MADE FOR SCOTLAND YARD...

CERTAINLY! HERE YOU ARE, INSPECTOR!

THANK YOU, **BATMAN!** I SHAN'T KEEP IT TOO LONG. JUST AN HOUR OR SO, AT MY HOTEL...

AND SO THE DAY PASSED, QUIETLY, EVENLY, WITHOUT INCIDENT...

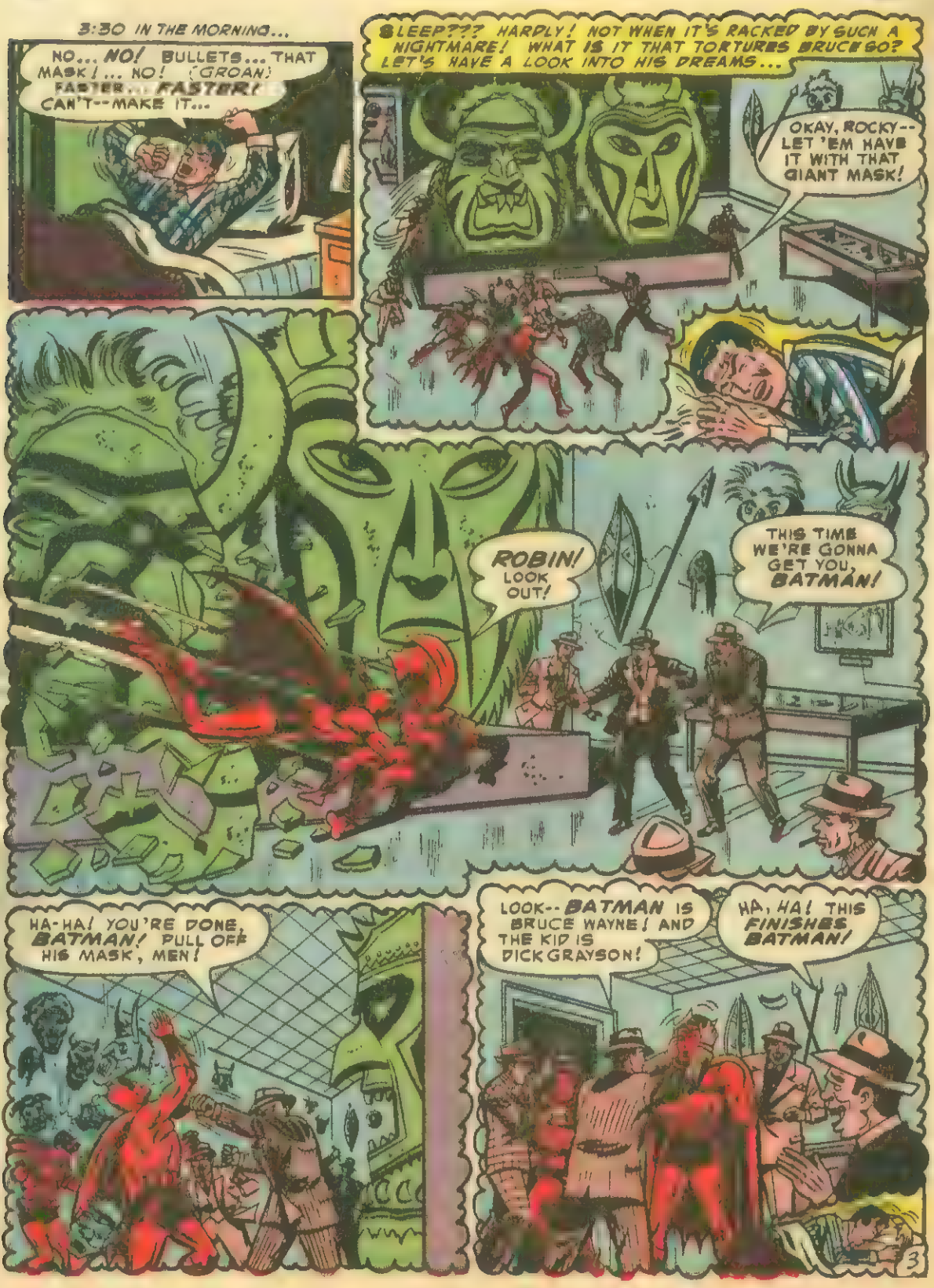
THAT WAS AN EXCELLENT LECTURE YOU GAVE OUR STUDENTS, **BATMAN,** ON THE HISTORY OF CRIMINOLOGY!

THANK YOU, PROFESSOR. AND NOW **ROBIN** AND I CAN START OUR USUAL NIGHT PATROL TO EVERY CORNER OF THE CITY...

LATER THAT NIGHT, THE LAW-MEN'S LONG DAY ENDS. ANOTHER ROUTINE DAY TORN FROM THE CALENDAR-- OR SO IT WOULD APPEAR!

THAT DOES IT, **ROBIN!** NOTHING STIRRING. TIME FOR US TO GET SOME SLEEP!

SLEEP. SO EASY TO SAY-- SO EASY TO TAKE FOR GRANTED. BUT **WILL** YOU SLEEP THIS NIGHT, **BATMAN?** LET'S SEE...


3:30 IN THE MORNING...
NO... NO! BULLETS... THAT MASK! ... NO! (GROAN) FASTER... FASTER! CAN'T--MAKE IT...
SLEEP??? HARDLY! NOT WHEN IT'S RACKED BY SUCH A NIGHTMARE! WHAT IS IT THAT TORTURES BRUCE SO? LET'S HAVE A LOOK INTO HIS DREAMS...
OKAY, ROCKY--LET 'EM HAVE IT WITH THAT GIANT MASK!
ROBIN! LOOK OUT!
THIS TIME WE'RE GONNA GET YOU, BATMAN!
HA-HA! YOU'RE DONE, BATMAN! PULL OFF HIS MASK, MEN!
LOOK--BATMAN IS BRUCE WAYNE! AND THE KID IS DICK GRAYSON!
HA, HA! THIS FINISHES BATMAN!

BATMAN

ONLY A DREAM, YOU SAY. PERHAPS. BUT THIS KIND OF DREAM IS NOT QUICKLY FORGOTTEN...

NO... NO!

BRUCE! WHAT IS IT??? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

A MOMENT LATER...

A BAD NIGHTMARE, DICK! VERY REAL -- AND FRIGHTENING! FUNNY -- I DON'T USUALLY DO THIS...

HEY -- I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SO SHAKY! C'MON -- WE'LL HAVE AN EARLY BREAKFAST. A GOOD HOT MEAL WILL STRAIGHTEN YOU OUT!

LATER THAT DAY, AS THE DARING DUO IS SUMMONED TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

THAT NIGHTMARE SURE GAVE BATMAN A HARD TIME -- BUT HE SEEMS LIKE HIS OWN SELF NOW. A LITTLE DIVERSION IS ALL HE NEEDS!

BUT IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...

THIS MASK ARRIVED, ADDRESSED TO YOU, BATMAN. WHY -- WHAT'S THE MATTER!???!

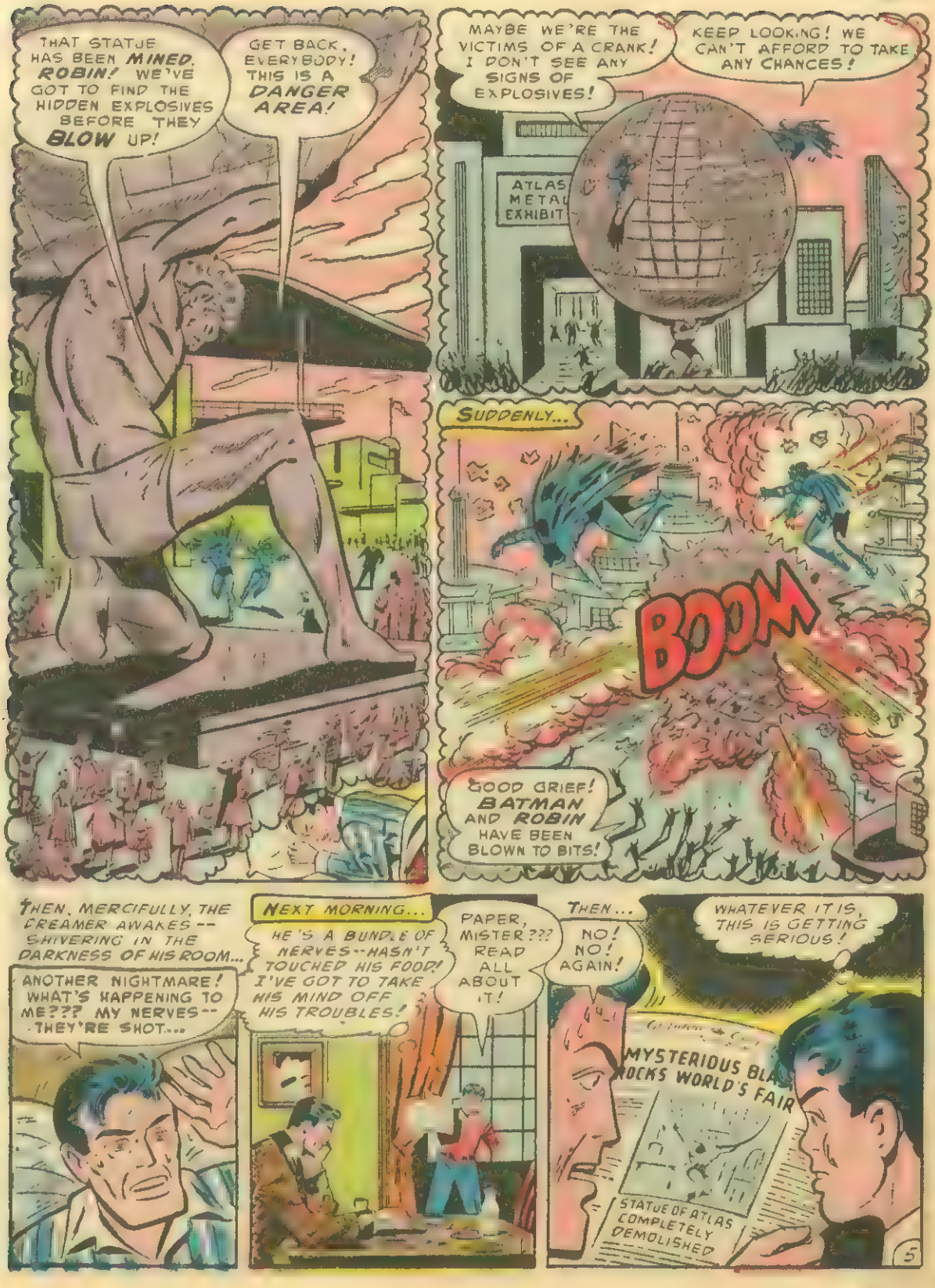
NO--NO! IT CAN'T BE..!

WHAT'S GOT INTO BATMAN??? I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM ACT LIKE THIS BEFORE!

I DON'T KNOW. BUT I THINK WE BETTER LEAVE HIM ALONE -- LET HIM TRY TO WORK THIS OUT HIMSELF...

AND, LATE THAT NIGHT...

LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT THERE! (GROAN) EVERYBODY STAND BACK... BACK!


THAT STATUE HAS BEEN MINED, ROBIN! WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE HIDDEN EXPLOSIVES BEFORE THEY BLOW UP!
GET BACK, EVERYBODY! THIS IS A DANGER AREA!
MAYBE WE'RE THE VICTIMS OF A CRANK! I DON'T SEE ANY SIGNS OF EXPLOSIVES!
KEEP LOOKING! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE ANY CHANCES!
ATLAS METAL EXHIBIT
SUDDENLY...
BOOM
GOOD GRIEF! BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE BEEN BLOWN TO BITS!
THEN, MERCIFULLY, THE DREAMER AWAKES -- SHIVERING IN THE DARKNESS OF HIS ROOM...
ANOTHER NIGHTMARE! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME??? MY NERVES -- THEY'RE SHOT...
NEXT MORNING...
HE'S A BUNDLE OF NERVES--HASN'T TOUCHED HIS FOOD! I'VE GOT TO TAKE HIS MIND OFF HIS TROUBLES!
PAPER, MISTER??? READ ALL ABOUT IT!
THEN...
NO! NO! AGAIN!
WHATEVER IT IS, THIS IS GETTING SERIOUS!
MYSTERIOUS BLA... ROCKS WORLD'S FAIR
STATUE OF ATLAS COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED
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THAT AFTERNOON, AT HEADQUARTERS...

BATMAN, PERHAPS YOU'RE OVERWORKED. I HAVE A FEELING A SHORT VACATION WOULD HELP YOU!

NO. I'LL BE ALL RIGHT. I NEVER SUFFERED FROM NERVES BEFORE. I'LL FIGHT THIS!

I SAY, COMMISSIONER! IF I CAN BE OF ANY HELP FOR THE DURATION OF MY VISIT, PLEASE CALL ON ME!

THANK YOU, INSPECTOR. BUT I'M AFRAID THIS IS BATMAN'S PERSONAL BATTLE...

THAT NIGHT, IN THE BAT-CAVE, A DESPERATE MAN GROPES FOR A SOLUTION...

IT'S UNCANNY, ROBIN! NOT ONLY DO I HAVE THE NIGHTMARES--BUT THEN SOME FRAGMENT OF THE DREAM; LIKE THIS MASK, TURNS UP IN REAL LIFE!

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. POOR BATMAN! HE'S WORSE OFF THAN I THOUGHT!

AND THE MOST MADDENING THING OF ALL IS THAT I SENSE I'VE MISSED SOMETHING! SOMETHING I'VE SEEN--SOMEWHERE--AND I CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT!

I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER. HE OBVIOUSLY NEEDS MEDICAL HELP. I MUST GET HIM TO A DOCTOR TOMORROW!

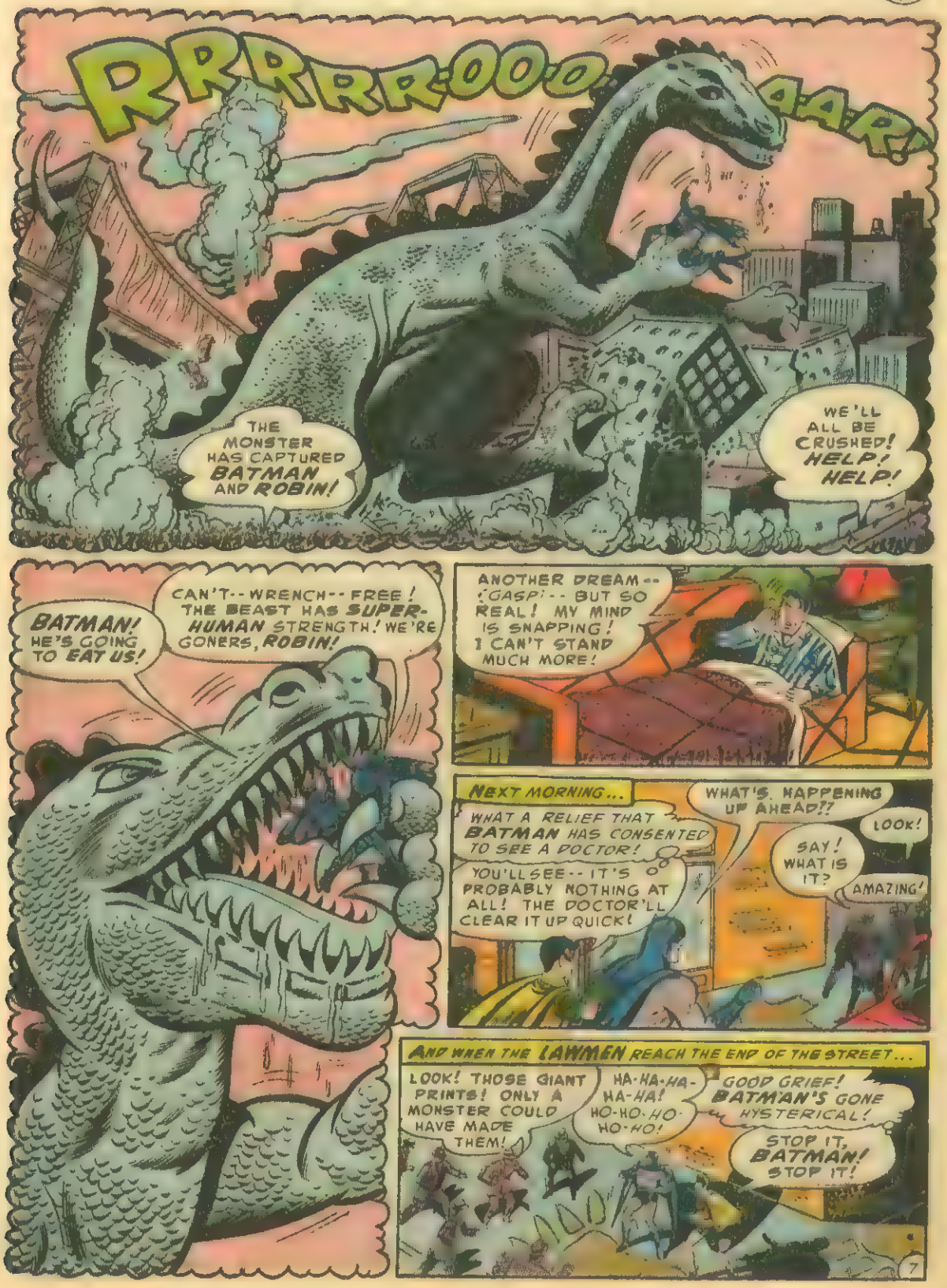
THEN LATER...

I THINK I'LL BUNK HERE TONIGHT, KID. MAYBE A CHANGE OF SCENERY WILL HELP! YOU GO ON UP TO THE BEDROOM!

ANYTHING YOU SAY...

BUT NOTHING CHANGES, DOES IT, BRUCE? WHEREVER YOU SLEEP, THE TERROR COMES BACK TO HAUNT YOU!

BATMAN! HOW ARE WE EVER GOING TO STOP THAT MONSTER???


RRRRR-OO-O-O-A-A-R!
THE MONSTER HAS CAPTURED BATMAN AND ROBIN!
WE'LL ALL BE CRUSHED! HELP! HELP!
BATMAN! HE'S GOING TO EAT US!
CAN'T--WRENCH--FREE! THE BEAST HAS SUPER-HUMAN STRENGTH! WE'RE GONERS, ROBIN!
ANOTHER DREAM--'GASP'--BUT SO REAL! MY MIND IS SNAPPING! I CAN'T STAND MUCH MORE!
NEXT MORNING...
WHAT A RELIEF THAT BATMAN HAS CONSENTED TO SEE A DOCTOR!
YOU'LL SEE--IT'S PROBABLY NOTHING AT ALL! THE DOCTOR'LL CLEAR IT UP QUICK!
WHAT'S HAPPENING UP AHEAD?!
LOOK!
SAY! WHAT IS IT?
AMAZING!
AND WHEN THE LAWMEN REACH THE END OF THE STREET...
LOOK! THOSE GIANT PRINTS! ONLY A MONSTER COULD HAVE MADE THEM!
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA! HO-HO-HO-HO-HO!
GOOD GRIEF! BATMAN'S GONE HYSTERICAL!
STOP IT, BATMAN! STOP IT!

AND AS ROBIN RUSHES BATMAN TO A DOCTOR...

BATMAN! BATMAN! WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS!

BY JOVE-- THIS IS BAD!

HA HA HEE HEE

THIS MAN NEEDS HOSPITAL ATTENTION RIGHT AWAY! NURSE-- BRING ME A STRAIT-JACKET!

SOON AFTER...

BATMAN IN A STRAIT-JACKET! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D EVER SEE THIS DAY!

I'D BETTER REPORT THIS TO SCOTLAND YARD RIGHT AWAY! PERHAPS I CAN GET MY LEAVE EXTENDED AND HELP OUT IN THIS EMERGENCY!

HO HO HA HA HO

QUICKLY, THE INSPECTOR DEPARTS. BUT NOT SO QUICKLY THAT WE CANNOT FOLLOW HIM! FOR NOW WE MUST WATCH THIS MAN--AND LEARN HIS STUNNING SECRET IDENTITY!

BOSS! HOW'S IT GOING?

TERRIFIC, BOYS! BATMAN'S STARTED TO CRACK UP, JUST AS I PLANNED! IT WON'T BE LONG NOW TILL HE BLABS THE SECRET OF HIS IDENTITY-- AND THAT'LL WASH HIM UP!

HOW'S OUR FRIEND FROM ENGLAND, THE REAL INSPECTOR?

OH, WE BEEN TAKIN' GOOD CARE OF HIM, WHILE YOU'VE BEEN PLAYIN' HIS PART, HARRY!

THERE SHE IS, BOYS! THE GIMMICK THAT DID WHAT EVERY CROOK IN GOTHAM CITY COULDN'T DO! THE GIMMICK THAT MADE BATMAN HAVE THOSE NIGHTMARES!

YOU KNOW, HARRY-- I'M TOO THICK, I GUESS -- BUT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS. EXPLAIN IT AGAIN...

I KNOW THIS. THAT THERE TRANSMITTER FIRST SENDS OUT SOME SORT OF POWERFUL ELECTRIC IMPULSE!

EXACTLY! THOSE IMPULSES, RECEIVED ON A BELT-RADIO, PENETRATE A HUMAN'S NERVOUS SYSTEM AND INDUCE A FORM OF HYPNOSIS!

THE IMPULSES PRODUCE A NERVOUS STATE, AND ENABLE ME TO REACH BATMAN'S SUBCONSCIOUS. THEN I SOFTLY SPEAK TO HIM OVER THIS MIKE-- AND TELL HIM WHAT TO DREAM! NEXT DAY, I PLANT SOME EVIDENCE OF THAT DREAM!
IT'S PERFECT. EVERY-ONE KNOWS BATMAN ALWAYS WEARS HIS BATMAN UNIFORM UNDER HIS REGULAR DISGUISE-- EVEN UNDER HIS PAJAMAS! SO HE'D ALWAYS HAVE HIS BELT RADIO STRAPPED TO HIM!
AS THE INSPECTOR, I WAS ABLE TO GET BATMAN'S BELT-RADIO AND RIG IT TO SUIT MY PURPOSES. AND OF COURSE, MY TAMPERING IN NO WAY AFFECTED THE RADIO'S NORMAL OPERATION!
BUT YOU WERE ABLE TO-- ARRANGE FOR A CLOSED-CIRCUIT SO THAT NO ONE BUT BATMAN WOULD PICK UP YOUR TRANSMISSIONS!
MAKE UP
THEN, AT TWO-THIRTY THE NEXT MORNING..
THIS IS GOING TO BE THE CLINCHER, BOYS! BATMAN'S IN A PRIVATE ROOM AT THE HOSPITAL-- BUT NOT THAT PRIVATE THAT I CAN'T GET IN!
BOY! HE'S SURE TO GO NUTS COMPLETELY THIS TIME!
THEN...
DREAM, BATMAN! DREAM OF THE BAT-CAVE, YOUR SECRET BAT-CAVE, INVADED BY A HORDE OF CROOKS!
THE UNDERWORLD HAS FOUND THE BAT-CAVE, BATMAN. THEY WRECK IT JOYOUSLY, FOR THEY KNOW YOUR IDENTITY. DREAM, BATMAN...
STOP! STOP! NO-- NO!!
WHADDYA KNOW! THE BAT-CAVE IS UNDER BRUCE WAYNE'S HOUSE! SO BRUCE WAYNE IS BATMAN AFTER ALL! HA-HA!

ALL AT ONCE...

BATMAN! SNAP OUT OF IT! TAKE IT EASY!

WAIT A MINUTE-- WAIT A MINUTE! I SEEM TO REMEMBER SOMETHING NOW! YES--YOU'VE REMINDED ME OF SOMETHING IMPORTANT! AND YOU'VE GIVEN ME A HUNCH!

BUT I'M ALL RIGHT, I TELL YOU! PLEASE REMOVE THE STRAIGHT-JACKET SO I CAN EXAMINE MY BELT-RADIO! IT'S VERY IMPORTANT! AND SUMMON ROBIN!

HMMM! YOU SOUND LUCID ALL RIGHT. BUT I'LL HAVE SOME ORDERLIES STANDING AROUND JUST IN CASE YOU GO BERSERK AGAIN!

LATER...

SEE HOW IT'S BEEN TAMPERED WITH, ROBIN! ONLY THE INSPECTOR, OR AN IMPOSTOR HAD ACCESS TO IT! LET'S GO!

YOU CAN LEAVE, FELLOWS! BATMAN SEEMS HIMSELF AGAIN!

AND SOON AFTER, AT THE INSPECTOR'S HOTEL...

HARRY SHEPHERD AND HIS BOYS! I MIGHT HAVE GUESSED! YOU WERE ALWAYS GOOD AT DISGUISES, HARRY!

BUT-- BUT--HOW DID YOU FIND OUT??

SPLAT

YOU MADE ONE MISTAKE, HARRY! THE FIRST TIME YOU WORE THIS MONOCLE YOU WORE IT OVER YOUR LEFT EYE. NEXT TIME I MET YOU, YOU HAD IT OVER YOUR RIGHT EYE!

IT TOOK BATMAN A LITTLE WHILE TO REMEMBER THAT FLAW-- BUT THE DOCTOR'S EYE-PIECE REMINDED HIM. AND SINCE A MONOCLE-WEARER NEVER SHIFTS THE GLASS FROM EYE TO EYE, BATMAN BECAME SUSPICIOUS!

THAT NIGHT, WITH ANOTHER CASE SOLVED AND FILED AWAY, THE VAUNTED LAWMEN PREPARE TO RETIRE...

PLEASANT DREAMS, BRUCE!

AND HOW!

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